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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment situation continued its gradual improvement during September, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The state's unemployment rate fell from 9.9 to 9.4 percent during the month, the result of a 3,400 decrease in unemployment and a 2,200 addition to the number of New Mexican's with jobs. The state's unemployment rate remained higher than the national average during September. The U.S. jobless rate also decreased over the month, dropping from 9.2 to 8.8 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

New Mexico nonagricultural industry employment estimates this September were dominated by large seasonal changes. Sizable

employment increases occurred in food processing, passenger transportation (school bus contractors), educational services (private schools), and in state and local government (public schools and universities). Partially offsetting these increases were seasonal employment reductions in construction, lodging places, amusements (horse racing facilities) and membership organizations (scouting and other summer camps).

The 500 job increase in the communications sub-sector was primarily due to the ending of the nationwide strike by communications workers against American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY ^{1/}

	<i>Prel.</i> September 1983	<i>Revised</i> August 1983 September 1982		<i>Change From</i> August 1983 September 1982	
Civilian Labor Force	604,500	605,700	602,100	-1,200	+2,400
Employment	547,700	545,500	546,400	+2,200	+1,300
Unemployment	56,800	60,200	55,700	-3,400	+1,100
Rate	9.4%	9.9%	9.3%		

^{1/} Estimates of employed persons by place of residence

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim SEP 1983	Revised AUG 1983	Revised SEP 1982	SEP AUG 1983	Change From SEP 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	487,100	482,300	477,700	+4,800	+9,400
MINING	20,800	20,800	24,600	0	-3,800
Metal Mining	4,600	4,500	5,000	+ 100	- 400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	3,600	3,500	5,000	+ 100	-1,400
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,600	12,800	14,600	- 200	-2,000
CONSTRUCTION	37,000	37,600	32,600	- 600	+4,400
MANUFACTURING	34,500	33,800	34,600	+ 700	- 100
Durable Goods	21,800	21,500	21,500	+ 300	+ 300
Lumber and Wood Products	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	+ 200
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,700	4,600	4,400	+ 100	+ 300
Transportation Equipment	3,800	3,700	4,200	+ 100	- 400
Other Durable Goods	11,100	11,000	10,900	+ 100	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	12,700	12,300	13,100	+ 400	- 400
Food and Kindred Products	4,400	4,000	4,500	+ 400	- 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,600	2,500	2,800	+ 100	- 200
Other Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,800	5,800	- 100	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,400	28,100	30,200	+1,300	- 800
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,300	2,400	+ 100	0
Trucking and Warehousing	5,500	5,500	5,700	0	- 200
Other Transportation	4,200	3,400	4,100	+ 800	+ 100
Communication	7,400	6,900	7,900	+ 500	- 500
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,900	10,000	10,100	- 100	- 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	114,200	114,200	111,400	0	+2,800
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,900	22,900	0	0
Durable Goods	13,700	13,700	13,800	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	91,300	91,300	88,500	0	+2,800
General Merchandise Stores	10,900	10,900	10,800	0	+ 100
Food Stores	13,700	13,500	12,900	+ 200	+ 800
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	11,800	12,000	12,100	- 200	- 300
Eating and Drinking Places	32,700	32,700	31,100	0	+1,600
Other Retail Trade	22,200	22,200	21,600	0	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,100	23,200	21,900	- 100	+1,200
Banking	8,000	8,000	7,700	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,600	9,700	8,800	- 100	+ 800
SERVICES	98,300	101,000	95,900	-2,700	+2,400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,600	11,200	10,600	- 600	0
Personal Services	4,700	4,800	4,800	- 100	- 100
Business Services	22,000	21,900	21,200	+ 100	+ 800
Health Services	24,200	24,400	23,700	- 200	+ 500
Social Services	6,500	6,600	6,500	- 100	0
Membership Organizations	5,400	7,000	4,700	-1,600	+ 700
Other Services	24,900	25,100	24,400	- 200	+ 500
GOVERNMENT	129,800	123,600	126,500	+6,200	+3,300
Federal	30,300	30,600	28,800	- 300	+1,500
State 2/	45,900	40,900	44,800	+5,000	+1,100
Local	53,600	52,100	52,900	+1,500	+ 700

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The number of persons unemployed in the Albuquerque area decreased by 1,100 during September and the unemployment rate dropped from 8.7 to 8.2 percent over the month.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment increased by 3,900 during September, with all major industries except finance contributing to the gain. The largest number of additional jobs was in the government sector, specifically in the state category. This expected increase was due to non-contract school employees returning to work and temporary hiring for the State Fair. Approximately one half of the 900 increase in transportation and public utilities was

also seasonal as bus contractors hired for the new school year. The remainder of the monthly increase was the result of the settlement of the labor dispute between Mountain Bell and Communications Workers of America. Both construction and manufacturing experienced small 100 job increases during September, while retail trade posted a 400 gain.

Looking at employment changes from one year ago, all major industries except transportation and public utilities have added jobs, as the Albuquerque area economy continues to improve along with the rest of the nation.

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Civilian Labor Force	225,900	225,000	221,800	+ 900	+4,100
Employment	207,400	205,400	204,300	+2,000	+3,100
Unemployment	18,500	19,600	17,500	-1,100	+1,000
Rate	8.2%	8.7%	7.9%		

^{1/} Estimates of employed persons by place of residence

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim SEP 1983	Revised AUG 1983	Revised SEP 1982	SEP Change From AUG SEP 1983 1982	
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	199,500	195,600	192,400	+3,900	+7,100
CONSTRUCTION	13,100	13,000	12,300	+ 100	+ 800
MANUFACTURING	18,300	18,200	18,200	+ 100	+ 100
Durable Goods	12,900	12,700	12,900	+ 200	0
Nondurable Goods	5,400	5,500	5,300	- 100	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	10,900	12,200	+ 900	- 400
Transportation	5,000	4,600	5,200	+ 400	- 200
Communication	4,100	3,600	4,500	+ 500	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,700	2,700	2,500	0	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	50,000	49,600	48,400	+ 400	+1,600
Wholesale Trade	13,400	13,400	13,300	0	+ 100
Durable Goods	8,700	8,700	8,800	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	36,600	36,200	35,100	+ 400	+1,500
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	- 100
Food Stores	4,100	4,000	4,000	+ 100	+ 100
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	- 100
Eating and Drinking Places	13,800	13,600	12,800	+ 200	+1,000
Other Retail Trade	10,600	10,500	10,000	+ 100	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,600	11,600	11,100	0	+ 500
Banking	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,200	5,200	4,800	0	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	50,100	49,900	47,300	+ 200	+2,800
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,300	3,200	2,800	+ 100	+ 500
Health Services	11,600	11,700	11,400	- 100	+ 200
Social Services	2,700	2,600	2,700	+ 100	0
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,800	1,400	- 200	+ 200
Other Services and Mining	30,900	30,600	29,000	+ 300	+1,900
GOVERNMENT	44,600	42,400	42,900	+2,200	+1,700
Federal	12,400	12,600	11,900	- 200	+ 500
State	13,200	11,100	13,000	+2,100	+ 200
Local	19,000	18,700	18,000	+ 300	+1,000

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	PRELIM SEP 1983	REVISED AUG 1983	REVISED SEP 1982	SEP AUG 1983	CHANGE FROM SEP 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	33,400	31,800	30,975	+1,600	+2,425
CONSTRUCTION	2,250	2,275	1,625	- 25	+ 625
MANUFACTURING	3,275	3,025	3,250	+ 250	+ 25
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,225	1,100	1,275	+ 125	- 50
Transportation	600	475	550	+ 125	+ 50
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	625	625	725	0	- 100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,500	6,475	5,875	+ 25	+ 625
Wholesale Trade	850	875	800	- 25	+ 50
Retail Trade	5,650	5,600	5,075	+ 50	+ 575
General Merchandise Stores	800	800	750	0	+ 50
Food Stores	725	725	700	0	+ 25
Auto Dir & Serv Stations	750	750	750	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,300	2,225	1,825	+ 75	+ 475
Other Retail Trade	1,075	1,100	1,050	- 25	+ 25
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,325	1,325	1,225	0	+ 100
SERVICES & MINING	4,325	4,425	3,925	- 100	+ 400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	625	625	625	0	0
Business Services	700	725	725	- 25	- 25
Health Services	900	925	825	- 25	+ 75
Social Services	325	350	250	- 25	+ 75
Other Services & Mining	1,775	1,800	1,500	- 25	+ 275
GOVERNMENT	14,500	13,175	13,800	+1,325	+ 700
Federal	4,375	4,550	4,175	- 175	+ 200
State	5,575	4,550	5,125	+1,025	+ 450
Local	4,550	4,075	4,500	+ 475	+ 50

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	SEP 1982	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	SEP 1982	SEP 1983	AUG 1983	SEP 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$458.74	\$477.42	\$492.47	43.4	42.4	40.3	\$10.57	\$11.26	\$12.22
CONSTRUCTION	390.08	382.88	391.30	37.4	37.5	36.4	10.43	10.21	10.75
MANUFACTURING	312.84	303.34	288.28	39.5	39.6	38.8	7.92	7.66	7.43
Durable Goods	321.99	312.00	321.57	39.9	40.0	39.7	8.07	7.80	8.10
Nondurable Gds	294.49	283.36	220.89	38.8	38.5	37.0	7.59	7.36	5.97
COMM and UTIL	327.02	365.44	379.89	33.2	37.1	40.5	9.85	9.85	9.38
TRADE *	253.83	253.83	247.32	35.5	35.7	36.0	7.15	7.11	6.87
BANKING	193.20	197.17	185.47	36.8	37.7	36.3	5.25	5.23	5.04

ALBUQUERQUE

MANUFACTURING	\$298.38	\$289.45	\$303.78	38.6	38.8	38.6	\$ 7.73	\$ 7.46	\$ 7.87
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* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Ground was broken September 17 for Sandia National Laboratories' new \$39 million Simulation Technology Laboratory. The lab will be used for testing and designing nuclear weapons that can survive enemy countermeasures. The American Society of Radiologic Technologists opened their national headquarters office at 15000 Central S. E. on August 22. The society employs a staff of about 15 and is the first national professional organization to locate its headquarters in New Mexico. Due to financial consideration Continental Airlines has stopped all flights to and from Albuquerque and has furloughed its 42 Albuquerque employees. The City-County Intergovernmental Committee has approved a construction bid on the proposed city-county office building. Work is to begin on the \$19.45 million structure by the end of October. Western Empire Constructors, Inc. of Denver is the contractor for the new building. The Department of the Air Force has recently awarded approximately thirty contracts to Albuquerque area contracting firms, for a total of \$11.5 million. The contracts ranged from \$25,000 to \$3.5 million for renovations and the erecting of new structures. The new Grand Central stores opened and have hired approximately 170 people. De Vore Aviation plans to erect a 70,000 square-foot plane manufacturing plant by late 1984 or early 1985. The new factory will be located on the West Mesa near the Double Eagle II Airport. By 1989 the company plans to expand the plant to 100,000 square-feet and employ 400 people. De Vore now employs 35 people. Six major health care facilities are under construction in the Albuquerque area and five more are scheduled to begin construction before the end of the year. Total construction cost is \$180.1 million for the 11 facilities.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - Officials of Ruidoso Recreation Incorporated have announced that plans have been finalized for a large theme park in Ruidoso Downs which will be patterned after Six Flags Over

Texas in Arlington. Work is scheduled to begin on the facility this fall and an opening date of June 1984 has been set. Southern Pacific Railroad Company has a 150-person crew in Otero and Lincoln Counties working on track rehabilitation. The crew will be working its way to Tucumcari over the next several months. A Lampasas, Texas firm, Texas Painter Craft, Inc., has been awarded a \$40 million contract for renovation of housing units at Holloman Air Force Base. Sherwood Inc. is scheduled to close its Alamogordo manufacturing plant on November 15. The plant, which manufactured computer cables and harnesses, employed approximately 100 persons.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA - The U.S. Department of Commerce has announced the approval of an Economic Development Administration grant of \$430,800 for the partial development of 110 areas at the Carlsbad Industrial Park. McCormick Construction of El Paso was awarded a \$4.1 million contract for 31 miles of water pipeline from Carlsbad's Double Eagle Water System to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP). The Department of Energy has announced that approximately \$80 million in contracts are expected to be awarded for WIPP by April of next year. The largest contract will be an estimated \$60 million for a waste handling facility.

ESPANOLA AREA - An \$128,640 emergency appropriation has been approved by the state for the Ensenada Mutual Domestic Water Association (EMDW). The appropriation is for the complete rebuilding of the EMDW system. The \$395,000 rebuilding of Ghost Ranch Conference Center began in October. The new center will be about 600 square feet larger than the previous structure which was destroyed by fire. Garrell Builders of Santa Fe will construct the new center and has promised to hire 80 percent local workers. A Los Angeles developer plans to build a multi-million dollar resort and conference center for corporate executives next year on a bluff overlooking

Abiquiu Reservoir. The new facility will cater to tourists in the summer and business meetings in the spring and fall. The resort is expected to provide about 100 full-time jobs once it is established.

FARMINGTON AREA - The potato harvest is in full swing for the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) with 408 Navajos working. NAPI normally employs about 250 permanent employees, about 95 percent of whom are Indian. Ground has been broken for Cavalier Homes' mobile home manufacturing division at 4100 West Piedra. The new plant will employ between 125 to 150 workers when it reaches capacity.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Homestake Mining Company will layoff about 40 employees by November 11, 1983 at its mining and milling operation near Milan. Reduction of the work force to about 350 people is due to the continued decline of the uranium industry.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - A Los Angeles based firm, McConnell-Sunset, has purchased the Lovington Square Shopping Center and plans to expand the center by 1/3, including an 18,000 square-foot building for a new C.R. Anthony department store. New Mexico's first Wal-Mart Discount City Store has opened in Hobbs. The 63,000 square-foot store employs approximately 130. The 558-store discount chain is building 65 new stores nationwide and is planning a second New Mexico store in Roswell. Liberty National Bank is planning to construct a multi-million-dollar office building starting in early 1984 on land recently purchased in Hobbs.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell, dedicated its new 46,000 square-foot manufacturing plant in Las Cruces. The new plant will manufacture membrane switch products for a variety of electronic equipment. Dona Ana County Commission has approved issuing \$10 million in industrial development revenue bonds to Agrihol Corporation, Inc., an Alpine, Texas firm, to finance construction of an ethanol extraction plant near Hatch.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Construction on the Medium Density Fiberboard Plant (MDF) is on schedule and the facility should open in 1984. The Montana de Fibra Company of Las Vegas will employ more than 200 people and put a \$7 million payroll into the local economy. Coal Fuels Corporation recently opened its 5,000 square-foot plant on the westside of Las Vegas. The company produces up to 2,000 coalbricks a day and employs ten people working on two shifts. Coal Fuels plans to employ 20 people and pump \$250,000 annually into the Las Vegas economy within one year.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - The Los Alamos County Council has approved the application of Hot Hole Instruments, a Los Alamos based company, for a \$380,000 community development block grant by the Economic Development Corporation for expansion. Hot Hole Instruments makes tools for drilling deep holes such as those used in geothermal exploration. It is estimated the company's planned expansion will result in 25 new jobs immediately, with 100 to 200 jobs being created over a two- to five-year period.

RATON AREA - Herjoy Construction has been awarded a \$442,000 improvement project at Raton's municipal airport. The project will provide expanded parking and a partial parallel taxiway, and could be completed by winter. The Bravo Dome CO₂ field continues to fuel the economy of area counties. At the present time an estimated 350 people are employed in the Clayton area due to the project. Next year, when pipeline construction resumes and with the addition of new compressor units, employment is expected to increase to about 600 people. The Amoco Production Company has started construction on its \$300 million carbon dioxide tertiary recovery program in west Texas. The Bravo Dome CO₂ Gas Unit is expected to be a major source of supply and CO₂ will be transported to the Permian Basin through the Bravo Pipeline which is still to be constructed.

ROSWELL AREA - A new 45,000 square-foot Safeway Superstore employing 85 persons opened in September on N. Main in Roswell.

A local corporation, Retirement Ranch of Roswell, is planning to locate a 120-bed nursing home, 100 apartments and a medical clinic on 20 acres near Montana Avenue and 19th Street in Roswell. A starting date for construction of the \$8 to 9 million project was not announced. The City of Roswell is expecting to receive approximately \$134 million in state and federal grants to finance the first phase of construction of a new \$15.1 million waste water treatment plant. Work on the new plant is expected to begin late this year.

SANTA FE AREA - Construction has started on the 91,000 square-foot, three-story, second phase of the First Interstate Plaza. The second phase is being developed as a commercial and office rental project and will include a 54-space underground garage. Bellamah Community Development, a New Mexico partnership, is planning a 3,500-unit subdivision just south of Airport Road. Rancho Caballero, as the proposed 897-acre subdivision is being called, would be built over a 20- to 25-year period, at a rate dictated by demand. The performing and visual arts for the Santa Fe area provide a positive economic benefit. It is estimated that 4,000 people visited the city for the Santa Fe Festival of the Arts, and the festival's entire \$200,000 budget is spent in Santa Fe for supplies and to pay salaries. The majority of the \$215,000 budget of the Orchestra of Santa Fe is also spent in the city. The Santa Fe Opera employs about 500 people during its three-month summer season, and it is estimate the opera contributed \$13 million to the Santa Fe economy last year. KLSK "Classic Radio" of Santa Fe plans to hire local residents for ten full-time jobs. La Paz Associates plans to construct the Santa Fe Budget Inn on Cerrillos Road at Don Diego Avenue. The \$4 million, 160-unit motel is to be constructed around a Mr. Steak and soon-to-be-built McDonald's restaurants. It is estimated the project would create about 20 construction jobs and 30 motel jobs.

SOCORRO/BELÉN AREA - Valencia County voters have approved a \$2.5 million bond issue to help build a new campus at the University

of New Mexico branch in Belén. The Universities' Valencia Campus generates a payroll in excess of \$500,000 a year and employs a total of 68 full-time and part-time people.

TAOS AREA - Taos County will get \$393,000 from the state for recent flood damages. Thirteen bridges require immediate repair and Commissioners approved a temporary budget transfer of \$10,000 to begin repairs until the state money arrives. Molycorp hired about 87 new workers during September and plans to hire about 35 more in October. About 40 workers were laid off from Carson National Forest on September 27, as scheduled under the Jobs Bill which provided the funding for the jobs. Total employment at the Carson National Forest is about 350 people. Taos Ski Valley has increased its employment by about 35 persons this year to 85 people now working. The town of Red River will act as a sponsor for an estimated \$185,000 in special small business development loans under the administration of the North Central New Mexico Economic Development Council. The program is operated under Community Development Block Grant guidelines to stimulate employment. Guidelines indicate that one permanent job must be developed for each \$15,000 loaned. Red River Ski Area has announced it will open November 24 with about 130 people on the payroll. Hiring will begin at the Area on November 6.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Officials of KNC Inc. of Albuquerque, the contractor for the \$8.5 million Ute Dam project, have said work on the project is ahead of schedule and completion is anticipated by January 1984.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

September 1983 CPI-U 301.8 (Base 1967 = 100)

CPI-W 300.8

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 1983 1/

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
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STATEWIDE
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/

Catron	1,024	966	58	5.7
Chaves	24,797	22,856	1,941	7.8
Cibola	11,366	9,492	1,874	16.5
Colfax	7,102	5,995	1,107	15.6
Curry	15,441	14,210	1,231	8.0
De Baca	1,059	1,049	50	4.5
Eddy	25,201	21,513	3,688	14.6
Grant	10,623	9,051	1,572	14.8
Guadalupe	1,579	1,436	143	9.1
Harding	650	642	8	1.2
Hidalgo	2,603	2,412	191	7.3
Lea	33,196	30,960	2,236	6.7
Lincoln	7,926	7,511	415	5.2
Los Alamos	10,652	10,442	210	2.0
Luna	5,558	5,024	534	9.6
McKinley	17,552	15,237	2,315	13.2
Mora	1,117	801	316	28.3
Ourero	14,702	13,579	1,123	7.6
Quay	5,601	5,150	451	8.1
Rio Arriba	11,044	9,341	1,703	15.4
Roosevelt	8,272	7,888	384	4.6
San Juan	38,538	33,104	5,434	14.1
San Miguel	8,720	7,684	1,036	11.9
Santa Fe	39,054	36,521	2,533	6.5
Sierra	2,485	2,338	147	5.9
Socorro	4,793	4,409	384	8.0
Taos	10,934	9,192	1,742	15.9
Torrance	2,356	2,221	135	5.7
Union	3,090	2,959	131	4.2
Valencia	10,938	9,589	1,349	12.3

REVISED AUGUST 1983 1/

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
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604,516	547,702	56,814	9.4
225,929	207,406	18,523	8.2
40,574	36,724	3,850	9.5
1,028	945	83	8.1
24,805	22,760	2,045	8.2
11,417	9,168	2,249	19.7
7,829	6,851	978	12.5
15,517	14,251	1,266	8.2
1,120	1,059	61	5.4
25,498	21,172	4,326	17.0
10,380	8,668	1,712	16.5
1,594	1,466	128	8.0
622	609	13	2.1
2,632	2,410	222	8.4
33,458	31,060	2,398	7.2
8,716	8,415	301	3.5
10,815	10,542	273	2.5
5,549	4,923	626	11.3
17,689	14,868	2,821	15.9
1,107	784	323	29.2
14,734	13,584	1,150	7.8
5,789	5,297	492	8.5
11,013	9,162	1,851	16.8
7,570	7,187	383	5.1
39,321	33,631	5,690	14.5
8,565	7,490	1,075	12.6
40,236	37,695	2,541	6.3
2,486	2,332	154	6.2
4,750	4,378	372	7.8
11,171	9,421	1,750	15.7
2,299	2,189	110	4.8
3,053	2,904	149	4.9
10,560	9,261	1,299	12.3

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
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602,113	546,410	55,703	9.3
221,874	204,333	17,541	7.9
37,524	33,917	3,607	9.6
1,028	879	149	14.5
24,615	23,035	1,580	6.4
13,264	9,982	3,282	24.7
7,069	6,408	661	9.4
15,319	14,410	909	5.9
1,079	1,016	63	5.8
25,392	23,026	2,366	9.3
11,275	7,303	3,972	35.2
1,494	1,411	83	5.6
639	620	19	3.0
2,687	2,381	306	11.4
36,186	33,328	1,858	5.3
7,756	7,434	322	4.2
11,009	10,726	283	2.6
5,606	4,987	619	11.0
18,037	15,722	2,315	12.8
1,185	877	308	26.0
14,634	13,497	1,137	7.8
5,204	4,714	490	9.4
10,983	9,083	1,900	17.3
7,948	7,668	280	3.5
38,839	34,413	4,426	11.4
8,928	7,812	1,116	12.5
39,524	37,083	2,441	6.2
2,782	2,586	196	7.0
4,840	4,381	459	9.5
10,225	8,615	1,610	15.7
2,397	2,261	136	5.7
2,589	2,417	172	6.6
11,182	10,085	1,097	9.8

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

3/ Dona Ana County

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New Mexico Labor Market Review

HIGHLIGHTS

Continuing economic improvement was evident in New Mexico's labor force statistics for October. The state's unemployment rate slipped to 9.2 percent during October, down from 9.4 percent in September. The unemployment rate has declined steadily since June's recession high of 10.8 percent. Both the jobless rate and the number of persons unemployed this October were lower than a year ago - the first time this has occurred in almost two years. But even with this improvement, the state's unemployment rate remained higher than the U.S. rate which also fell in October, dropping from 8.8 to 8.4 percent.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment declined during the month by 1,100 which is somewhat less than usually expected this time of year. Construction, trade and services all experienced normal reductions in October; however, employment gains in

mining and manufacturing partially offset these decreases. Mining added 300 jobs, all in the nonmetallic and oil & gas extraction sub-sectors. The nonmetallic gain of 200 jobs was caused by the rehiring of laid off potash workers in Eddy County. Manufacturing added 100 jobs during the month, virtually all in the electronic equipment sub-sector. Most of this increase was the result of continued hiring by Albuquerque area electronics firms.

Although total manufacturing has fewer jobs than one year ago, the losses have been concentrated in only three industry sub-sectors. Transportation equipment, apparel and professional & scientific instruments have lost a total of 1,100 jobs over the last twelve months. Significant employment growth has occurred in the electronic equipment, lumber, machinery and food manufacturing sub-sectors.

OCTOBER SUMMARY ^{1/}

	<i>Prel.</i> October 1983	<i>Revised</i>		<i>Change From</i>	
		September 1983	October 1982	September 1983	October 1982
Civilian Labor Force	603,400	604,500	604,700	-1,100	-1,300
Employment	548,100	547,900	547,500	+ 200	+ 600
Unemployment	55,300	56,600	57,200	-1,300	-1,900
Rate	9.2%	9.4%	9.5%		

^{1/} Estimates of employed and unemployed persons by place of residence

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1983	Revised SEP 1983	Revised OCT 1982	OCT SEP 1983	Change From OCT 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	486,300	487,400	477,200	-1,100	+9,100
MINING	21,100	20,800	24,200	+ 300	-3,100
Metal Mining	4,600	4,600	5,000	0	- 400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	3,200	3,600	5,000	+ 200	-1,200
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,700	12,600	14,200	+ 100	-1,500
CONSTRUCTION	35,900	36,900	32,500	-1,000	+3,400
MANUFACTURING	34,600	34,500	34,700	+ 100	- 100
Durable Goods	21,800	21,700	21,300	+ 100	0
Lumber and Wood Products	2,300	2,200	2,100	+ 100	+ 200
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,800	4,700	4,500	+ 100	+ 300
Transportation Equipment	3,700	3,800	4,300	- 100	- 600
Other Durable Goods	11,000	11,000	10,900	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	12,800	12,800	12,900	0	- 100
Food and Kindred Products	4,400	4,500	4,300	- 100	+ 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,600	2,600	2,900	0	- 300
Other Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,700	5,700	+ 100	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,200	29,300	30,100	- 100	- 900
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	- 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,500	5,500	5,800	0	- 300
Other Transportation	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	+ 100
Communication	7,400	7,400	7,800	0	- 400
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,800	9,900	10,000	- 100	- 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	113,800	114,200	111,400	- 400	+2,400
Wholesale Trade	23,000	22,900	23,000	+ 100	0
Durable Goods	13,700	13,700	13,700	0	0
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,200	9,300	+ 100	0
Retail Trade	90,800	91,300	88,400	- 500	+2,400
General Merchandise Stores	11,000	10,800	11,000	+ 200	0
Food Stores	13,700	13,800	13,000	- 100	+ 700
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	11,800	11,800	12,300	0	- 500
Eating and Drinking Places	32,000	32,600	30,400	- 600	+1,600
Other Retail Trade	22,300	22,300	21,700	0	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,100	23,100	21,800	0	+1,300
Banking	8,100	8,000	7,700	+ 100	+ 400
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,500	5,400	- 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,600	9,600	8,700	0	+ 900
SERVICES	98,300	98,700	95,200	- 400	+3,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,400	10,700	10,300	- 300	+ 100
Personal Services	4,800	4,700	4,900	+ 100	- 100
Business Services	22,200	22,100	21,300	+ 100	+ 900
Health Services	24,300	24,300	23,800	0	+ 500
Social Services	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	- 200
Membership Organizations	5,300	5,400	4,700	- 100	+ 600
Other Services	25,000	25,200	23,700	- 200	+1,300
GOVERNMENT	130,300	129,900	127,300	+ 400	+3,000
Federal	30,000	30,300	28,700	- 300	+1,300
State 2/	45,300	45,700	44,400	- 400	+ 900
Local	55,000	53,900	54,200	+1,100	+ 800

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment situation saw little change in October as the unemployment rate inched down from 8.3 to 8.2 percent. The number of unemployed persons dropped by 200 and the number of people employed fell by 1,000 during the month.

Total nonagricultural employment receded by 900 jobs in October which is somewhat less than usually expected for the month. The normal decline in employment was eased by increases of 200 jobs each in durable goods, mainly in the electronic equipment sub-sector, and in the general merchandise sub-sector of trade due to the opening of two large retail stores.

The seasonal employment declines in October were centered in state government and the tourism influenced sub-sectors of eating & drinking and lodging places. The reduction of 1,100 jobs in state government was largely the result of State Fair layoffs.

Total unemployment in the Albuquerque area is now below that of a year ago. This, in conjunction with the yearly growth of 6,200 in total nonagricultural employment, indicates that the Albuquerque economy is continuing to recover from the recent recession.

OCTOBER SUMMARY ^{1/}

	<i>Prel.</i> October 1983	<i>Revised</i> September 1983	<i>Revised</i> October 1982	<i>Change From</i> September 1983 October 1982	
Civilian Labor Force	224,900	226,100	222,700	-1,200	+2,200
Employment	206,400	207,400	204,000	-1,000	+2,400
Unemployment	18,500	18,700	18,700	-200	-200
Rate	8.2%	8.3%	8.4%		

^{1/} Estimates of employed and unemployed persons by place of residence

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1983	Revised SEP 1983	Revised OCT 1982	OCT Change From SEP 1983	OCT 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	198,300	199,200	192,100	- 900	+6,200
CONSTRUCTION	12,800	12,900	12,200	- 100	+ 600
MANUFACTURING	18,600	18,400	18,200	+ 200	+ 400
Durable Goods	13,100	12,900	12,900	+ 200	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,300	0	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,700	11,700	12,300	0	- 600
Transportation	4,900	4,900	5,200	0	- 300
Communication	4,100	4,100	4,500	0	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	50,000	50,000	48,200	0	+1,800
Wholesale Trade	13,400	13,400	13,300	0	+ 100
Durable Goods	8,700	8,700	8,700	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	36,600	36,600	34,900	0	+1,700
General Merchandise Stores	4,100	3,900	4,000	+ 200	+ 100
Food Stores	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	+ 200
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	4,200	4,200	4,400	0	- 200
Eating and Drinking Places	13,600	13,900	12,500	- 300	+1,100
Other Retail Trade	10,600	10,500	10,100	+ 100	+ 500
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,600	11,600	11,000	0	+ 600
Banking	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,400	3,400	+ 100	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,100	5,200	4,700	- 100	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	50,100	50,000	47,700	+ 100	+2,400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,100	3,200	2,800	- 100	+ 300
Health Services	11,700	11,700	11,400	0	+ 300
Social Services	2,600	2,700	2,700	- 100	- 100
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,500	1,500	+ 100	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	31,100	30,900	29,300	+ 200	+1,800
GOVERNMENT	43,500	44,600	42,500	-1,100	+1,000
Federal	12,200	12,500	11,900	- 300	+ 300
State	12,100	13,200	11,900	-1,100	+ 200
Local	19,200	18,900	18,700	+ 300	+ 500

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1983	Revised SEP 1983	Revised OCT 1982	OCT 1983	Change From OCT 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	34,250	33,375	32,025	+875	+2,225
CONSTRUCTION	2,125	2,250	1,575	-125	+ 550
MANUFACTURING	3,225	3,250	3,175	- 25	+ 50
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,225	1,200	1,250	+ 25	- 25
Transportation	600	575	550	+ 25	+ 50
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	625	625	700	0	- 75
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,550	6,525	5,925	+ 25	+ 625
Wholesale Trade	875	850	825	+ 25	+ 50
Retail Trade	5,675	5,675	5,100	0	+ 575
General Merchandise Stores	775	800	750	- 25	+ 25
Food Stores	725	725	700	0	+ 25
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	775	750	750	+ 25	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,300	2,300	1,850	0	+ 450
Other Retail Trade	1,100	1,100	1,050	0	+ 50
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,325	1,325	1,225	0	+ 100
SERVICES & MINING	4,625	4,350	4,225	+275	+ 400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	625	625	- 25	- 25
Business Services	675	700	700	- 25	- 25
Health Services	900	900	825	0	+ 75
Social Services	325	350	250	- 25	+ 75
Other Services & Mining	2,125	1,775	1,825	+350	+ 300
GOVERNMENT	15,175	14,475	14,650	+700	+ 525
Federal	4,525	4,375	4,300	+150	+ 225
State	5,950	5,550	5,725	+400	+ 225
Local	4,700	4,550	4,625	+150	+ 75

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1983	SEP 1983	OCT 1982	OCT 1983	SEP 1983	OCT 1982	OCT 1983	SEP 1983	OCT 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$471.09	\$484.07	\$500.57	41.8	42.8	42.1	\$11.27	\$11.31	\$11.89
CONSTRUCTION	391.79	399.76	404.06	37.6	38.0	36.8	10.42	10.52	10.98
MANUFACTURING	296.83	308.48	295.46	38.3	38.9	39.5	7.75	7.93	7.48
Durable Goods	314.40	320.39	330.48	40.0	40.3	40.5	7.06	7.95	8.16
Nondurable Gds	261.40	284.83	222.53	34.9	36.1	37.4	7.49	7.89	5.95
COMM and UTIL	397.07	402.05	376.54	40.6	40.9	40.1	9.78	9.83	9.39
TRADE *	252.40	253.11	254.12	35.7	35.4	36.2	7.07	7.15	7.02
BANKING	206.98	193.36	187.45	39.5	36.9	36.9	5.24	5.24	5.08

ALBUQUERQUE

MANUFACTURING	\$292.33	\$288.80	\$316.79	41.0	37.9	39.5	\$ 7.13	\$ 7.62	\$ 8.02
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* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Chase Econometrics, a national research firm, says Albuquerque can expect an annual growth rate through 1992 of 2.6 percent and the creation of a total of 50,000 to 60,000 new jobs. In two years, Albuquerque has slipped from 28th to 30th among 112 cities in the growth projections made by the firm. The expectations of Chase Econometrics for the next decade is that high technology and defense will outdistance the energy industry. At more than 51,000 acres, Kirtland Air Force Base is the sixth largest in the U.S. and employs more than 18,515 civilian and military employees and supports 144 contractor tenants. The total economic impact of Kirtland on the Albuquerque area has been estimated at \$1.025 billion in 1982. Intel's Rio Rancho computer-chip plant plans to start up in January or February 1984. The plant expects to hire up to 400 more people by the end of 1984, bringing the total plant workforce to nearly 800. The hiring speed at Intel during 1984 will depend upon product demand, assimilation time for those in training, the plant's ability to provide training and the availability of qualified workers in Albuquerque. Officials of the Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau estimate from 10,000 to 11,000 visitors were here in October during the National Arabian and Half-Arabian Horse Show and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Convention. It is estimated visitors for the horse show spent \$8.4 million and visitors for the AOPA Convention spent \$1.6 million. Construction is scheduled to start in February 1984 on the new \$40 million, 16-story office tower of First City Financial Corporation. The new structure, to be located on the north side of Lomas Boulevard between Third and Fourth Streets, will provide up to 23,000 square feet of retail space and 286,000 square feet of office space. The City of Albuquerque has about 215 people enrolled in its Job Training Partnership (JTPA) Program. The new program, which replaces CETA, has an annual budget of \$4 million

and is geared to serve 1,600 job trainees. Economics Research Associates (ERA) of Los Angeles estimates the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta held in October boosts the local economy by \$29.6 million. According to ERA, the balloon fiesta takes in \$11.5 million in primary expenditures and those dollars are turned over in the local economy two and one-half times. Sandia National Laboratory's Albuquerque payroll for fiscal year ending September 30, 1983 was \$231.1 million with 8,130 employees. Sandia purchases during the same period in New Mexico amounted to \$158.4 million of which \$155.2 million went to Albuquerque firms.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Alamogordo businesses received more than \$2.7 million in trade from the White Sands Missile Range during the 3rd quarter of this year. A \$2 million-plus hotel/retail complex is scheduled to be built, beginning in mid-January, in Ruidoso. The complex, to be called the Painted Lady Square, will consist of a small luxury eight-room hotel and five retail shops. Ski Cloudercroft has a new owner and a major expansion project is underway at the ski resort east of Alamogordo. Four new ski trails are being out and a new chairlift is being installed, all in time for this upcoming ski season.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: James Hamilton Construction Company of Silver City was low bidder of \$5.2 million for highway construction on U.S. 62/180 between Carlsbad and Hobbs. Work is underway on a \$200,000 addition to Guadalupe Medical Center in Carlsbad.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) will begin construction in March 1984 on a \$5 to \$6 million, 216-mile power line running from Clovis to PNM's power station north of Albuquerque. The project is expected to employ 245 construction workers and be completed by January 1985.

ESPAÑOLA AREA: A slump in the lumber industry has forced Evergreen Lumber Company to lay off 20 employees at its Chama sawmill. The sawmill still employs about 35 full-time workers.

FARMINGTON AREA: Animas Valley Mall in Farmington has added five new stores. The addition of the Potato Patch, Color Tec, Merle Norman, Hurrah! and McDonalds brings to 70 the number of stores in the mall. A recent Bureau of Land Management study indicates that two projects proposed for the San Juan Basin, the construction of the 500-megawatt power plant by Public Service Company of New Mexico and the mining of up to 3.1 billion tons of coal, both scheduled between 1985 and 2020, would add approximately 9,000 direct jobs at peak (about the year 2000). An economic impact study, prepared by G.M. Cohen and Associates Inc. of Farmington, estimates that the coal-fired San Juan Generating Station near Waterflow adds about \$120 million annually to the Four Corners' economy. The study was commissioned to quantify the effect on the local economy of the plant's 936 employees and purchases of \$62 million in local goods and services. A study committee named by the San Juan County Commission has endorsed a proposal for a horse race track with parimutuel wagering at McGee Park County Fairgrounds. It is estimated that the operation of the track would create up to 200 full-time permanent jobs and up to 1,500 seasonal jobs.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: Carbon Coal Company's Mentmore Mine plans to recall 55 to 65 employees in November. This will bring the coal mine's employment to between 90 and 100 workers.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Bids are scheduled to be let next March on a new \$2.4 million state government office building in Hobbs.

LAS CRUCES AREA: New Mexico State University (NMSU) officials anticipate that the

university will be awarded research contracts worth approximately \$50 million in 1983-84. The City of Las Cruces has issued a total of 1,578 building permits year-to-date in September. The record for permits issued in a single year was in 1978, when the city issued 1,706 permits.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Northern New Mexico Land Investors, Inc., the developers of the new Sun Ridge subdivision, are buying most of their materials from local businessmen and are utilizing the services of local contractors to help boost the economy. When Sun Ridge is fully developed, it will include 89 lots and a public park.

ROSWELL AREA: The U.S. Bureau of Prisons is planning to award a contract soon to build a federal detention center for undocumented migrant workers; and a California firm, Behavioral Systems S.W., is proposing to locate the new center at the Roswell Industrial Air Center. The new center would operate on a \$4.6 million yearly budget, according to Behavioral Systems officials. The Levi Strauss manufacturing plant in Roswell experienced two separate one week layoffs in October, each involving approximately 400 workers. J.P. White Industries is now operating its renovated feed processing plant in Roswell with a work force of approximately 30. The firm spent \$2 million renovating the plant in order to increase feed production from 80 to 240 tons per day.

SANTA FE AREA: A new 1,400 square-foot Dairy Queen has opened at the Casa Solano Shopping Center on West Alameda. The new store represents a \$140,000 investment in construction and another \$100,000 for equipment. The new Dairy Queen will employ 12 people. Four new stores have opened at the 42,000 square-foot Rodeo Plaza Shopping Center, including: Rodeo Plaza Liquors, The Glon-Mar Supermarket, Hair Affair, and the Video Unlimited. Other business scheduled to move into the

new shopping center include a pizza shop, an ice cream store, a gifts and care shop, a jewelry store and a health spa. October was a record month for construction activity in Santa Fe, according to city building permit statistics. A total of 237 projects received permits during October which is roughly double the number issued during the same month last year. Building permits for the first ten months of 1983 already have exceeded the totals for all of 1982.

SILVER CITY AREA: A major interstate crude oil pipeline from California to Texas will cut across southwestern New Mexico. All American Pipeline Company will construct the 1,300-mile pipeline beginning next summer, and the project should be completed in early 1986. The pipeline will cut across Hidalgo, Grant, Luna and Dona Ana counties before crossing the Texas border south of Las Cruces. The pipeline is expected to cost \$605 million to build. Goldfield Corporation has brought on line a new silver mill at its St. Cloud property near Winston. The St. Cloud mine has been in operation since March 1982 but until now the ore has been trucked to the company's San Pedro mill north of Albuquerque. T. Brown Constructors of Albuquerque has been awarded a \$3.8 million contract for highway construction on N.M. 90 near Tyrone.

SOCORRO/BELÉN AREA: Work is expected to begin in December on a new 80-unit motel in Belén which will be named Los Molinas Inn. Area voters recently approved a \$2.5 million bond issue to finance construction

of a new permanent campus for the University of New Mexico - Valencia Campus in Tome.

TAOS AREA: Molycorp's recently renovated mill started operations in early October and is processing ore from the new underground mine.

TUCUMCARI AREA: The U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation (SFC) has withdrawn a promise of price and loan guarantees of \$4 million to Solv-Ex Corporation of Albuquerque for its Santa Rosa project to extract crude oil from tar sands. Oil concentrations at the sands deposits near Santa Rosa were found to be much less than originally estimated, and consequently the project lost the Foster Wheeler Corporation as a project investor. Solv-Ex is continuing to examine the deposits and plans to submit a report to the SFC on its new findings in hopes of obtaining future SFC help.

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CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1983 ^{1/}

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
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STATEWIDE
ALBUQUERQUE AREA ^{2/}

LAS CRUCES MSA ^{3/}

Catron
Chaves
Cibola
Colfax
Curry

De Baca
Eddy
Grant
Guadalupe
Harding

Hidalgo
Lea
Lincoln
Los Alamos
Luna

McKinley
Mora
Otero
Quay
Rio Arriba

Roosevelt
San Juan
San Miguel
Santa Fe
Sierra

Socorro
Taos
Torrance
Union
Valencia

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
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STATEWIDE
ALBUQUERQUE AREA ^{2/}

LAS CRUCES MSA ^{3/}

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
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STATEWIDE
ALBUQUERQUE AREA ^{2/}

LAS CRUCES MSA ^{3/}

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^{1/} All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

^{2/} Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

^{3/} Dona Ana County

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New Mexico Labor Market Review

HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment situation again showed improvement according to November labor force estimates. The State's unemployment rate fell by two tenths of a percentage point during November, a month when the jobless rate can normally be expected to remain unchanged or even increase slightly. This is the fifth consecutive month this important economic indicator has improved. The national economy also continued to improve during November, as the U.S. jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) fell from 8.4 to 8.1 percent over the month.

November usually marks the beginning of seasonal hiring in retail trade for the Christmas season and this November's retail trade employment estimates, up by

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1300 from October, indicate stronger than normal hiring. The mining industry also posted larger than expected gains during the month by adding 200 jobs, all in coal and oil & gas extraction. Mining employment has now steadily improved since mid-summer after experiencing huge layoffs in 1982 and early 1983. Although mining employment has increased, it is still substantially below its peak employment of 31,800 in August 1981. The sizable job decreases in construction, services and manufacturing which occurred during November are normal for this time of year as building activity and tourism slow down and the seasonal food processing season ends.

NOVEMBER SUMMARY ^{1/}

	<i>Prel.</i>	<i>Revised</i>		<i>Change From</i>	
	November 1983	October 1983	November 1982	October 1983	November 1982
Civilian Labor Force	600,800	603,000	600,400	-2,200	+ 400
Employment	546,700	547,300	541,100	- 600	+5,600
Unemployment	54,100	55,700	59,300	-1,600	-5,200
Rate	9.0%	9.2%	9.9%		

^{1/} Estimates of employed and unemployed persons by place of residence

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim NOV 1983	Revised OCT 1983	Revised NOV 1982	NOV OCT 1983	Change From NOV 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	485,100	485,500	475,300	- 400	+9,800
MINING	21,400	21,200	23,500	+ 200	-2,100
Metal Mining	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	- 100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,000	3,900	4,900	+ 100	- 900
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,800	12,700	13,900	+ 100	-1,100
CONSTRUCTION	34,900	35,900	31,300	-1,000	+3,600
MANUFACTURING	34,300	34,600	34,300	- 300	0
Durable Goods	21,800	21,800	21,700	0	+ 100
Lumber and Wood Products	2,200	2,300	2,000	- 100	+ 200
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,800	4,800	4,400	0	+ 400
Transportation Equipment	3,700	3,700	4,400	0	- 700
Other Durable Goods	11,100	11,000	10,900	+ 100	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	12,500	12,800	12,600	- 300	- 100
Food and Kindred Products	4,100	4,400	3,900	- 300	+ 200
Textiles and Apparel	2,600	2,600	2,900	0	- 300
Other Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,100	29,100	30,200	0	-1,100
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,400	2,400	- 100	- 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,500	5,500	5,800	0	- 300
Other Transportation	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0
Communication	7,400	7,300	7,800	+ 100	- 400
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,800	9,800	10,100	0	- 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	114,800	113,600	112,000	+1,200	+2,800
Wholesale Trade	22,900	23,000	23,000	- 100	- 100
Durable Goods	13,600	13,700	13,700	- 100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,300	9,300	0	0
Retail Trade	91,900	90,600	89,000	+1,300	+2,900
General Merchandise Stores	11,500	11,000	11,500	+ 500	0
Food Stores	14,100	13,800	13,100	+ 300	+1,000
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	11,700	11,800	12,200	- 100	- 500
Eating and Drinking Places	31,800	31,900	30,200	- 100	+1,600
Other Retail Trade	22,800	22,100	22,000	+ 700	+ 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,100	23,000	21,700	+ 100	+1,400
Banking	8,100	8,100	7,700	0	+ 400
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,400	5,400	+ 100	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,500	9,500	8,600	0	+ 900
SERVICES	97,700	98,100	94,700	- 400	+3,000
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,100	10,400	10,200	- 300	- 100
Personal Services	4,700	4,800	4,900	- 100	- 200
Business Services	22,100	22,200	21,100	- 100	+1,000
Health Services	24,300	24,300	23,800	0	+ 500
Social Services	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	- 100
Membership Organizations	5,200	5,300	4,600	- 100	+ 600
Other Services	25,000	24,800	23,700	+ 200	+1,300
GOVERNMENT	129,800	130,000	127,600	- 200	+2,200
Federal	28,900	29,400	28,600	- 500	+ 300
State 2/	45,500	45,400	44,400	+ 100	+1,100
Local	55,400	55,200	54,600	+ 200	+ 800

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

Preliminary 1983 labor force estimates for the Albuquerque area indicate that the number of unemployed jobseekers declined by 300 in November, and the unemployment rate decreased from 8.3 to 8.1 percent over the month. The jobless rate this November was half a percentage point lower than in November 1982.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment estimates, which are based on a monthly sample of employers in Bernalillo and

Sandoval counties, indicate that except for construction and trade most industry employment changed very little in November. Employers in construction reduced their payrolls by 300 jobs over the month, following the normal wintertime slowdown in building activity. On the other hand, the trade industry usually expands employment this time of year due to holiday buying, and November's 600 increase indicates rather strong seasonal hiring for this Christmas season.

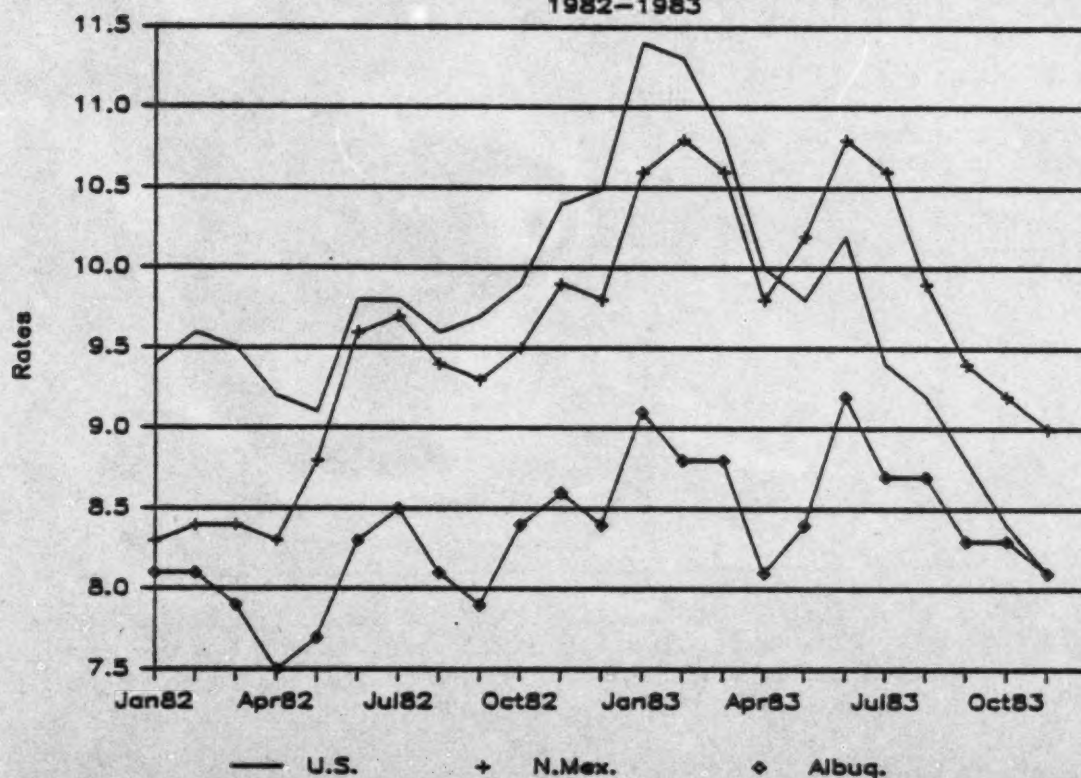
NOVEMBER SUMMARY ^{1/}

	<i>Prel.</i> November 1983	<i>Revised</i> October 1983	<i>Revised</i> November 1982	<i>Change From</i> October 1983 November 1982	
Civilian Labor Force	227,300	225,200	222,500	+2,100	+4,800
Employment	208,900	206,500	203,300	+2,400	+5,600
Unemployment	18,400	18,700	19,200	- 300	- 800
Rate	8.1%	8.3%	8.6%		

^{1/} Estimates of employer and unemployed persons by place of residence

Unemployment Rates

1982-1983



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim NOV 1983	Revised OCT 1983	Revised NOV 1982	NOV Change From OCT 1983	From NOV 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	198,700	198,400	191,500	+300	+7,200
CONSTRUCTION	12,500	12,800	11,700	-300	+ 800
MANUFACTURING	18,700	18,600	18,100	+100	+ 600
Durable Goods	13,200	13,100	12,800	+100	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,300	0	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,600	11,700	12,300	-100	- 700
Transportation	4,800	4,900	5,300	-100	- 500
Communication	4,100	4,100	4,400	0	- 300
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	50,500	49,900	48,500	+600	+2,000
Wholesale Trade	13,300	13,300	13,200	0	+ 100
Durable Goods	8,600	8,700	8,700	-100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,600	4,500	+100	+ 200
Retail Trade	37,200	36,600	35,300	+600	+1,900
General Merchandise Stores	4,400	4,200	4,200	+200	+ 200
Food Stores	4,200	4,100	4,000	+100	+ 200
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	4,100	4,200	4,300	-100	- 200
Eating and Drinking Places	13,600	13,600	12,400	0	+1,200
Other Retail Trade	10,900	10,500	10,400	+400	+ 500
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,600	11,600	11,000	0	+ 600
Banking	3,000	3,100	2,900	-100	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,400	3,400	+100	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,100	5,100	4,700	0	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	50,000	50,100	47,500	-100	+2,500
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,200	2,800	0	+ 400
Health Services	11,700	11,700	11,400	0	+ 300
Social Services	2,700	2,600	2,700	+100	0
Membership Organizations	1,500	1,600	1,400	-100	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	30,900	31,000	29,200	-100	+1,700
GOVERNMENT	43,800	43,700	42,400	+100	+1,400
Federal	12,300	12,300	11,900	0	+ 400
State	12,200	12,200	11,900	0	+ 300
Local	19,300	19,200	18,600	+100	+ 700

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim NOV 1983	Revised OCT 1983	Revised NOV 1982	NOV OCT 1983	Change From NOV 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	33,750	34,275	31,900	-525	+1,850
CONSTRUCTION	2,050	2,125	1,600	- 75	+ 450
MANUFACTURING	3,025	3,225	2,850	-200	+ 175
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,225	1,225	1,275	0	- 50
Transportation	600	600	575	0	+ 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	625	625	700	0	- 75
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,675	6,575	5,975	+100	+ 700
Wholesale Trade	850	875	825	- 25	+ 25
Retail Trade	5,825	5,700	5,150	+125	+ 675
General Merchandise Stores	850	800	750	+ 50	+ 100
Food Stores	725	725	725	0	0
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	775	775	750	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,350	2,300	1,875	+ 50	+ 475
Other Retail Trade	1,125	1,100	1,050	+ 25	+ 75
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,325	1,300	1,200	+ 25	+ 125
SERVICES & MINING	4,575	4,650	4,250	- 75	+ 325
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	575	600	625	- 25	- 50
Business Services	700	700	725	0	- 25
Health Services	925	925	850	0	+ 75
Social Services	300	325	250	- 25	+ 50
Other Services & Mining	2,075	2,100	1,800	- 25	+ 275
GOVERNMENT	14,875	15,175	14,750	-300	+ 125
Federal	4,125	4,525	4,325	-400	- 200
State	5,950	5,950	5,750	0	+ 200
Local	4,800	4,700	4,675	+100	+ 125

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	NOV 1982	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	NOV 1982	NOV 1983	OCT 1983	NOV 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$483.21	\$472.49	\$489.64	42.8	42.3	40.2	\$11.29	\$11.17	\$12.18
CONSTRUCTION	345.78	382.79	358.10	33.9	37.2	34.7	10.20	10.29	10.32
MANUFACTURING	315.19	298.36	306.03	39.3	38.3	39.9	8.02	7.79	7.67
Durable Goods	327.64	314.41	335.79	40.7	39.9	40.9	8.05	7.88	8.21
Nondurable Gds	287.00	265.71	241.77	36.1	35.1	37.6	7.95	7.57	6.43
COMM and UTIL	403.92	402.62	409.66	40.8	41.0	40.4	9.90	9.82	10.14
TRADE *	260.13	257.38	241.37	35.2	35.5	35.6	7.39	7.25	6.78
BANKING	196.47	206.19	191.25	37.0	39.2	37.5	5.31	5.26	5.10
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	\$302.08	\$291.39	\$320.76	39.8	38.8	39.6	\$ 7.59	\$ 7.51	\$ 8.10

* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: A recent study by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) indicates that DOE directly spent approximately \$1.3 billion in New Mexico in 1982. DOE supports two national research and development facilities in the state, Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the agency itself employs about 1,300 in the Albuquerque area. DOE funded construction projects in New Mexico in 1982 were valued at \$153 million, according to the study.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Construction has started on Phase I of the 45,000 square-foot, \$2 million Las Tiendas de Corrales Center. The center, located on the northeast corner of Coors Boulevard and Corrales Road N.W., is scheduled for completion next May. Broce Construction has started work on the new 210,000 square-foot Alameda West Shopping Center. The \$10 million center, located south of the Coors-Corrales intersection, is scheduled to be completed in mid-to-late summer 1984. Zwan Magnetics Inc., a California maker of memory discs for personal computers, plans to open a 50,000 square-foot research center and manufacturing plant in Albuquerque in 1984. The company predicts the plant will initially employ 100 engineers, production technicians and researchers, and eventually it could have up to 200 employees. Davis and Associates of Santa Fe plans to start building a \$4 million, six-story, 60,000 square-foot office building at the northeast corner of Lomas and Second Street in early 1984. The \$12 million Barcelona Court, a new hotel located at Lomas and Louisiana N.E., is scheduled to open in February.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Work has begun on the \$4.7 million rehabilitation project at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. A new, 63-unit, Super 8 Hotel is under construction in Ruidoso. The new lodging facility is being developed by Southwest Developer of Carlsbad, and the general contractor is Cornudas Corporation.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Work is continuing on the \$2.75 million Pecos Inn in Artesia.

The new motel will have 79 rooms and should be open for business by March 1984. First City National Bank has opened their new north side office in Carlsbad. The Department of Energy has revised its construction schedule for the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP), indicating that the project will be finished a year earlier than originally planned. The new completion date for WIPP is December 1986, and the receipt of the first radioactive material at the waste storage facility is planned for October 1988. A key contract for WIPP is scheduled to go to bid January 31. The contract will call for the construction of a estimated \$40 million support building at the site near Carlsbad.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Work is scheduled to be completed by the first of the year on one of three ethanol production plants being built near Portales by Mountain Development Corporation. All three plants are planned to be in operation by March 1984, and each facility should employ approximately 30 workers. Southwest Cannery has broken ground on a 100,000 square-foot addition to the Portales firm's soft-drink canning facility. The addition will triple Southwest Cannery's present production of 12 million cans per year.

ESPANOLA AREA: Chama's housing authority has received \$179,889 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for improvements to the 36 low-income units there. Evergreen Lumber Company's sawmill has closed due to slumping lumber prices. The sawmill employed approximately 25 workers.

FARMINGTON AREA: The Artec Commission has adopted a resolution declaring intent to issue industrial revenue bonds estimated at \$2 million to help finance a new 42-room motel. Spending for oil and gas drilling in San Juan county has increased from \$2.2 million during the second calendar quarter to \$6.3 million during the third quarter of 1983, according to the Taxation and Revenue Department.

GRANTS/GALLUP AREA: The new Furr's "Cafe-teria" in Gallup opened in mid-December with approximately 70 employees. Homestake Uranium Company has laid off 40 more employees, reducing its labor force to 375. The layoff reduced the active work force at uranium companies in McKinley and Cibola counties to less than 1,000. About 7,000 people were employed by the area's uranium companies five years ago. The Public Service Company of New Mexico's Escalante Generating Station has begun operations with approximately 130 employees. Cibola National Forest personnel recently hired 60 workers to gather pine cones from 2,200 trees in the Zuni Mountains and the lower slopes of Mount Taylor. The pine cones' expected seed yield of 4,200 pounds will produce 21 million seedlings to be transplanted during the next 10 years in the Cibola National Forest.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: The Lea County Electric Company has received a \$6.3 million federal loan to finance construction of 175 miles of distribution lines and other system improvements. Lasco Industries was awarded a \$1.3 million contract to construct a new Lea County road department building.

LAS CRUCES AREA: The Dona Ana County Commission approved a \$9.01 million industrial revenue bond issuance for the construction of an adolescent psychiatric treatment facility. Rivendell, a Tennessee based firm, is the developer of the proposed 64-bed psychiatric center. New Mexico State University regents have approved a \$2.6 million contract with Wooten Construction Company of Las Cruces for a new business administration building.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) has plans for a number of new initiatives that could create up to \$115 million in new projects and 600 new jobs in the next five years. However, LANL expects a relatively constant staff level of about 7,200 over the five year period. This is due to the phasing out of old programs as new ones are developed and

started.

RATON AREA: Kaiser Steel has rehired 145 underground coal miners. This brings the total work force at the firm's York Canyon mine to about 270. The underground facility will operate for an indefinite period of time.

ROSWELL AREA: Work is continuing on the 300,000 square-foot Roswell Mall. The new center is expected to open in April 1984 with more than 40 retail outlets. The anchor tenants in the mall will be J.C. Penney, Wal-Mart, Beall's and C.R. Anthony. The City of Roswell plans to open bids on construction of its new wastewater treatment plant in early January. The new plant is expected to cost approximately \$13.5 million. Work has started on the new 90-acre Linda Estado Subdivision in northeast Roswell. New Mexico Military Institute regents awarded a \$3.4 million construction bid to Cornell Construction Company of Clovis for a new learning center on the Roswell campus.

SANTA FE AREA: A Dallas development firm plans to break ground next spring for a new 122,000 square-foot shopping center on St. Michael's Drive. The preliminary plans include two fast food outlets; a small banking facility, a restaurant and eight retail stores, including one major retail space totaling more than 35,000 square feet. The Extraterritorial Zoning Commission approved several major developments for the Airport Road area. In separate motions, the commission approved a single-family and town house project, a six-acre shopping center district, and a special exemption to construct 100 apartments and a community center. Santa Fe Motor Company was the first car dealer to break ground at the new 36.5 acre auto park on Santa Fe's south side. Three other dealers, including Capital Ford, John Nickeson Pontiac-Buick and Bob Lee's High Country Motor Cars, will build new expanded facilities at the auto park. The joint project will ultimately cost between \$4 and \$4.5 million.

SOCORRO/BELÉN AREA: United Dessicants

Inc. began production of absorbent clay packages on November 1. The plant, located outside of Belen, employs 15 full-time employees. Construction of a \$10.8 million Engineering/Science Center is planned to start in the spring of 1984 at the University of New Mexico Valencia Campus. The 160,000 square-foot facility should be completed by the fall of 1985.

SILVER CITY AREA: An official of Quintana Minerals said that the price of copper will have to rise 20 to 25 cents above the current 60 to 70 cents per pound before the firm can reopen its Copper Flat Mine near Hillsboro. Copper Flat is a new mine which was in operation only three and one-half months before closing in March 1982. Approximately 240 persons were employed at the Copper Flat Mine before the shutdown, and currently only 19 are employed performing routine maintenance at the mine. Southwest Forest Industries shut down its sawmill near Reserve in late November, resulting in the layoff of 21 workers. Construction has started on the building

for Silver City's newest bank, First State Bank of Silver City.

TAOS AREA: The area ski resorts, including Taos Ski Valley, Red River, Rio Castillo and Angel Fire, are open for the season. Taos Ski Valley hired approximately 200 workers for its December 15 opening day, and an estimated 100 workers were hired by the remaining resorts.

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ALBUQUERQUE WAGE SURVEY RELEASED

The U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics has released their 1983 Area Wage Survey for the Albuquerque area. The report, dated September 1983, covered 98 establishments employing 35,040 workers for 22 different occupational skills. Included are clerical, maintenance, operator, service and technician jobs. Copies of the survey are available from:

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STRENGTH	600,708	546,656	54,052	9.0%	603,022	547,283	55,739	9.2%	600,422	541,050	59,332	9.9%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	227,257	200,873	16,384	8.1%	225,151	206,466	18,685	8.3%	222,414	203,256	19,158	8.6%
LAS CRUCES AREA 3/	41,772	38,188	3,584	8.6%	42,117	38,364	3,753	8.9%	3,741	35,192	3,741	9.6%
Catron	946	805	141	14.9%	1,038	941	97	9.3%	1,018	802	216	21.2%
Chaves	24,570	22,785	1,785	7.3%	25,099	22,626	2,473	9.9%	24,780	23,074	1,706	6.9%
Cibola	11,029	9,295	1,734	15.7%	11,277	9,425	1,852	16.4%	12,730	9,787	2,943	23.1%
Colfax	6,703	5,658	1,045	15.6%	6,902	5,768	1,134	16.4%	6,556	5,880	676	10.3%
Curry	15,071	13,820	1,251	8.3%	15,467	14,188	1,279	8.3%	15,137	14,219	918	6.1%
De Baca	1,014	959	55	5.4%	1,089	1,033	56	5.1%	1,058	1,004	54	5.1%
Eddy	24,156	21,350	2,806	11.6%	24,537	21,557	2,980	12.1%	25,439	22,835	2,604	10.2%
Grant	10,087	8,647	1,440	14.3%	10,379	8,872	1,507	14.5%	11,117	7,469	3,648	32.8%
Guadalupe	1,579	1,452	127	8.0%	1,555	1,413	142	9.1%	1,415	1,342	73	5.2%
Harding	644	637	7	1.1%	670	661	9	1.3%	594	578	16	2.7%
Hidalgo	2,472	2,298	174	7.0%	2,584	2,412	172	6.7%	2,661	2,334	327	12.3%
Lea	32,818	30,866	1,952	5.9%	33,107	31,044	2,063	6.2%	34,694	32,853	1,841	5.3%
Lincoln	7,310	6,908	402	5.5%	7,861	7,402	459	5.8%	7,091	6,703	388	5.5%
Los Alamos	10,761	10,568	193	1.8%	10,694	10,490	204	1.9%	10,634	10,377	257	2.4%
Luna	4,967	4,420	547	11.0%	5,383	4,879	504	9.4%	5,305	4,519	786	14.9%
McKinley	17,051	15,049	2,002	11.7%	17,252	15,213	2,039	11.8%	17,775	15,304	2,471	13.9%
Mora	1,129	775	354	31.4%	1,169	821	348	29.8%	1,214	845	369	30.4%
Otero	14,302	13,175	1,127	7.9%	14,558	13,321	1,237	8.5%	14,710	13,439	1,271	8.6%
Quay	5,255	4,847	408	7.8%	5,547	5,124	423	7.6%	5,195	4,668	527	10.1%
Rio Arriba	11,312	9,463	1,849	16.3%	11,057	9,260	1,797	16.3%	11,224	9,117	2,107	18.8%
Roosevelt	8,389	7,937	452	5.4%	8,702	8,283	419	4.8%	8,320	7,891	429	5.2%
San Juan	37,744	32,903	4,841	12.8%	37,987	33,023	4,964	13.1%	39,312	34,307	5,005	12.7%
San Miguel	8,682	7,681	1,001	11.5%	8,479	7,470	1,009	11.9%	9,052	7,901	1,151	12.7%
Santa Fe	39,246	36,697	2,549	6.5%	38,898	36,485	2,413	6.2%	37,743	35,193	2,550	6.8%
Sierra	2,528	2,392	136	5.4%	2,568	2,433	135	5.3%	2,603	2,478	125	7.6%
Socorro	5,001	4,601	400	8.0%	4,893	4,535	358	7.3%	4,873	4,391	482	9.9%
Taos	10,996	9,179	1,817	16.4%	10,820	9,060	1,760	16.3%	10,583	8,827	1,756	16.6%
Torrance	2,302	2,139	163	7.1%	2,329	2,189	140	6.0%	2,354	2,254	100	4.3%
Union	3,032	2,898	134	4.4%	3,131	3,004	127	4.1%	2,573	2,364	209	8.1%
Valencia	10,593	9,391	1,202	11.3%	10,722	9,521	1,201	11.2%	11,195	9,887	1,308	11.7%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

3/ Dona Ana County

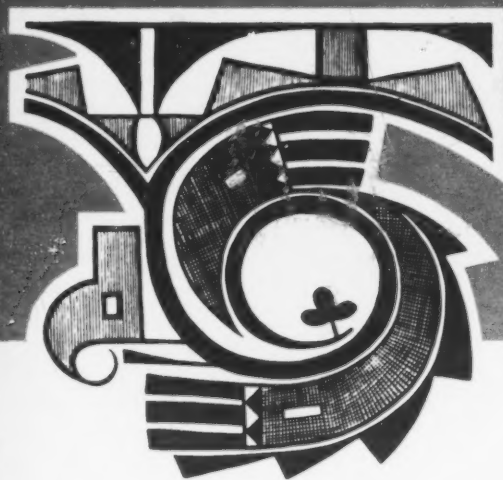
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New Mexico Labor Market Review

HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary estimates, New Mexico ended 1983 with an unemployment rate of 8.9 percent, almost a full percentage point lower than at the end of 1982. A total of 53,100 New Mexicans were unemployed in December, which was 1,500 fewer than in November and 5,300 below one year ago. The jobless rate for the Nation in December was 8.0 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Total nonagricultural payroll employment in New Mexico increased by 900 jobs during December. In order to accommodate Christmas buying, trade recorded a large expansion of 2,200 jobs during the month. The services industry also added employment, due largely to the opening of the state's ski resorts for the 1983/1984 season. As it has since mid-1983, mining added a small number of jobs during the month, mostly in the coal and oil & gas areas. Construction employment dropped by 1,200 as cold weather

hampered building activities. The only other sizeable employment decrease was in state government, the result of the holiday break at state supported universities.

Preliminary estimates indicate that total nonfarm employment in New Mexico grew by 9,400 jobs during 1983, and the increase was spread among most major industries. The largest growth was in services (+3,100), followed closely by construction (+3,000) and trade (+2,800). Mining employment was 1,700 lower than at the end of 1982; however all of the loss occurred in the first half of the year, and since then mining employment has gradually been on the upswing. The reduction of 1,100 in the transportation, communications & public utilities group was mainly the result of the divestiture of American Telephone and Telegraph and layoffs in the trucking subsector.

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DECEMBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Dec. 1983	Revised Nov. 1983 Dec. 1982		Change From Nov. 1983 Dec. 1982	
Civilian Labor Force	599,900	601,500	596,500	-1,600	+3,400
Employment	546,800	546,900	538,100	- 100	+8,700
Unemployment	53,100	54,600	58,400	-1,500	-5,300
Rate	8.9%	9.1%	9.8%		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1983	Revised NOV 1983	Revised DEC 1982	DEC NOV 1983	Change From DEC 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	485,900	485,000	476,500	+ 900	+9,400
MINING	21,600	21,400	23,300	+ 200	-1,700
Metal Mining	4,500	4,600	4,600	- 100	- 100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,100	3,900	4,700	+ 200	- 600
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,000	12,900	14,000	+ 100	-1,000
CONSTRUCTION	33,800	35,000	30,800	-1,200	+3,000
MANUFACTURING	34,200	34,300	33,700	- 100	+ 500
Durable Goods	21,900	21,900	21,700	0	+ 200
Lumber and Wood Products	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	+ 200
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	4,900	4,900	4,400	0	+ 500
Transportation Equipment	3,800	3,700	4,500	+ 100	- 700
Other Durable Goods	11,000	11,100	10,800	- 100	+ 200
Non-durable Goods	12,300	12,400	12,000	- 100	+ 300
Food and Kindred Products	3,900	4,000	3,700	- 100	+ 200
Textiles and Apparel	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Other Non-durable Goods	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,200	29,000	30,300	+ 200	-1,100
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	5,700	5,500	6,000	+ 200	- 300
Other Transportation	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	- 100
Communication	7,200	7,300	7,700	- 100	- 500
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,900	9,800	10,100	+ 100	- 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	117,100	114,900	114,300	+2,200	+2,800
Wholesale Trade	22,900	22,900	23,100	0	- 200
Durable Goods	13,600	13,600	13,800	0	- 200
Non-durable Goods	9,300	9,300	9,300	0	0
Retail Trade	94,200	92,000	91,200	+2,200	+3,000
General Merchandise Stores	12,500	11,500	12,200	+1,000	+ 300
Food Stores	14,300	14,100	13,500	+ 200	+ 800
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	11,800	11,700	12,100	+ 100	- 300
Eating and Drinking Places	31,700	31,800	30,400	- 100	+1,300
Other Retail Trade	23,900	22,900	23,000	+1,000	+ 900
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,000	23,000	21,900	0	+1,100
Banking	8,100	8,000	7,800	+ 100	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,500	5,400	- 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,500	9,500	8,700	0	+ 800
SERVICES	98,100	97,700	95,000	+ 400	+3,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	9,900	10,100	10,100	- 200	- 200
Personal Services	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	- 100
Business Services	22,300	22,100	21,300	+ 200	+1,000
Health Services	24,300	24,200	23,700	+ 100	+ 600
Social Services	6,200	6,300	6,300	- 100	- 100
Membership Organizations	5,100	5,200	4,600	- 100	+ 500
Other Services	25,500	25,000	24,100	+ 500	+1,400
GOVERNMENT	128,900	129,700	127,200	- 800	+1,700
Federal	29,100	29,000	28,600	+ 100	+ 500
State 2/	44,500	45,300	43,600	- 800	+ 900
Local	55,300	55,400	55,000	- 100	+ 300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

According to the preliminary December 1983 labor force estimates the Albuquerque area economy continued to improve. Employment rose by 1,600 persons over the month; unemployment fell by 500; and the unemployment rate declined from 8.1 to 7.9 percent. For the second consecutive month, the jobless rate was a half a percentage point below the year ago mark.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment estimates for December indicate a 700

job increase from November and 6,800 growth from December 1982. Almost all the gains over the month came in retail trade due to increased hiring for the Christmas season. Specifically, the retail trade gains were in general merchandise (+400), apparel and accessories (+200), food stores (+100) and miscellaneous retail (+200). Offsetting the trade gains somewhat however were seasonal employment decreases in construction and government.

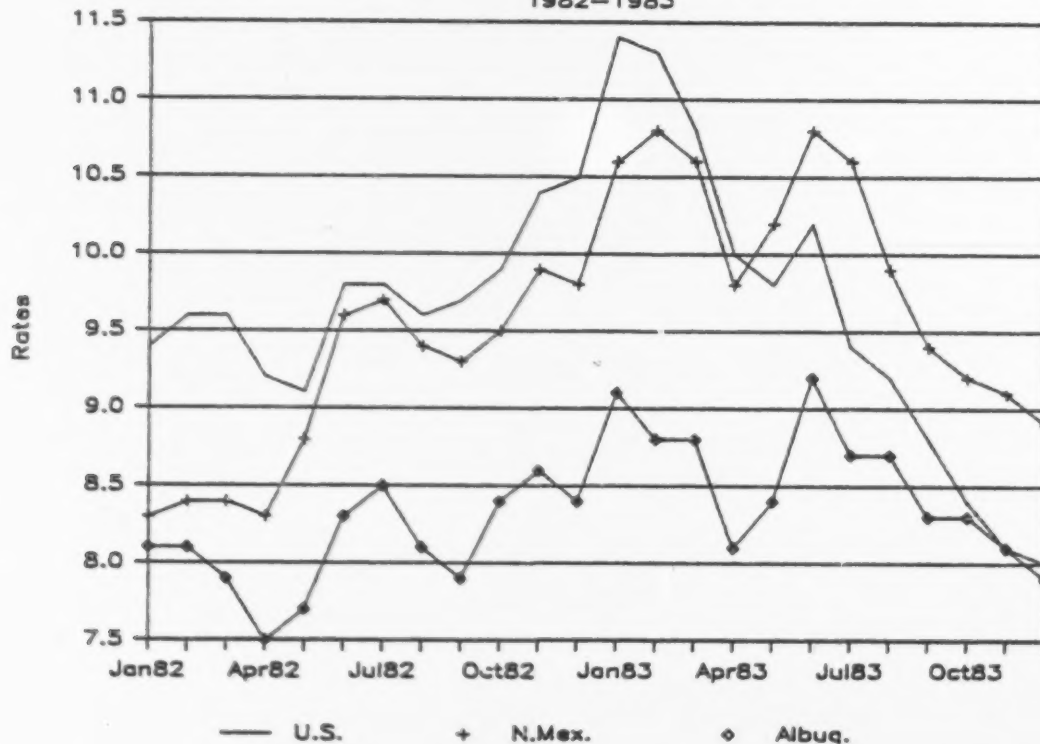
DECEMBER SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Dec. 1983	Revised Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982	Change From Nov. 1983	Dec. 1982
Civilian Labor Force	228,400	227,300	222,300	+1,100	+6,100
Employment	210,400	208,800	203,700	+1,600	+6,700
Unemployment	18,000	18,500	18,600	- 500	-600
Rate	7.9%	8.1%	8.4%		

1/ Estimates of employed and unemployed persons by place of residence.

Unemployment Rates

1982-1983



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1983	Revised NOV 1983	Revised DEC 1982	DEC Change From NOV DEC 1983 1982	
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	199,100	198,400	192,300	+ 700	+6,800
CONSTRUCTION	12,200	12,500	11,400	- 300	+ 800
MANUFACTURING	18,700	18,700	18,100	0	+ 600
Durable Goods	13,200	13,200	12,700	0	+ 500
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,600	11,600	12,300	0	- 700
Transportation	4,900	4,800	5,300	+ 100	- 400
Communication	4,000	4,100	4,400	- 100	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	51,300	50,300	49,400	+1,000	+1,900
Wholesale Trade	13,300	13,200	13,300	+ 100	0
Durable Goods	8,600	8,600	8,700	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,600	4,600	+ 100	+ 100
Retail Trade	38,000	37,100	36,100	+ 900	+1,900
General Merchandise Stores	4,700	4,300	4,500	+ 400	+ 200
Food Stores	4,300	4,200	4,000	+ 100	+ 300
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	- 200
Eating and Drinking Places	13,500	13,500	12,500	0	+1,000
Other Retail Trade	11,400	11,000	10,800	+ 400	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,700	11,600	11,000	+ 100	+ 700
Banking	3,100	3,100	2,900	0	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,400	3,400	+ 100	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,100	5,100	4,700	0	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	50,100	50,000	47,600	+ 100	+2,500
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,200	2,800	0	+ 400
Health Services	11,800	11,700	11,400	+ 100	+ 400
Social Services	2,600	2,700	2,700	- 100	- 100
Membership Organizations	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	31,000	30,900	29,300	+ 100	+1,700
GOVERNMENT	43,500	43,700	42,500	- 200	+1,000
Federal	12,400	12,300	11,900	+ 100	+ 500
State	11,900	12,100	11,600	- 200	+ 300
Local	19,200	19,300	19,000	- 100	+ 200

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1983	Revised NOV 1983	Revised DEC 1982	DEC Change From NOV 1983	DEC 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	33,850	33,675	32,050	+175	+1,800
CONSTRUCTION	2,025	2,050	1,600	- 25	+ 425
MANUFACTURING	2,925	2,975	2,725	- 50	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,250	1,225	1,325	+ 25	- 75
Transportation	650	600	625	+ 50	+ 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	600	625	700	- 25	- 100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,875	6,675	6,175	+200	+ 700
Wholesale Trade	875	375	325	0	- 50
Retail Trade	6,000	5,800	5,350	+200	+ 650
General Merchandise Stores	900	325	850	+ 75	+ 50
Food Stores	750	725	825	+ 25	- 75
Auto Oils & Serv Stations	800	775	775	+ 25	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,400	2,350	1,800	+ 50	+ 600
Other Retail Trade	1,150	1,125	1,100	+ 25	+ 50
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,325	1,300	1,225	+ 25	+ 100
SERVICES & MINING	4,575	4,575	4,250	0	+ 325
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	550	575	625	- 25	- 75
Business Services	700	700	750	- 0	- 50
Health Services	950	925	850	+ 25	+ 100
Social Services	300	300	225	0	+ 75
Other Services & Mining	2,075	2,075	1,800	0	+ 275
GOVERNMENT	14,875	14,875	14,750	0	+ 125
Federal	4,150	4,125	4,375	+ 25	- 225
State	5,325	5,950	5,725	- 25	+ 200
Local	4,800	4,800	4,650	0	+ 150

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	DEC 1982	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	DEC 1982	DEC 1983	NOV 1983	DEC 1982
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$500.72	\$488.59	\$450.96	44.0	43.2	40.3	\$11.38	\$11.31	\$11.19
CONSTRUCTION	383.42	348.50	365.39	35.7	34.0	34.7	10.74	10.25	10.53
MANUFACTURING	312.73	315.95	308.03	40.3	40.3	39.9	7.76	7.84	7.72
Durable Goods	318.77	318.80	329.66	40.3	40.1	40.8	7.91	7.95	8.08
Nondurable Gds	299.43	308.56	251.03	40.3	40.6	36.7	7.43	7.60	6.84
COMM and UTIL	419.39	412.90	397.03	38.3	40.8	41.1	10.95	10.12	9.66
TRADE *	254.07	254.16	237.47	36.4	35.3	36.2	6.98	7.20	6.56
BANKING	202.65	197.32	188.05	38.6	37.3	36.8	5.25	5.29	5.11

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MANUFACTURING	\$304.03	\$302.71	\$322.78	40.7	40.2	39.8	\$ 7.47	\$ 7.53	\$ 8.11
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* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: New Mexico is scheduled to receive more than \$22.4 million from the Department of Labor for state job training programs. The bulk of the money, \$16.4 million, will be used to implement the new Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). JTPA funds will provide training for hardcore unemployed youth and dislocated workers, and provide summer jobs for young people.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Memorial Hospital reopened as a psychiatric hospital on January 16. Forty beds are available initially, but that number will be increased to 84 when a \$3 million renovation is completed in 1985. The hospital initially will employ about 50 people, and after the renovation employment will increase to about 125. Rivendell of America Inc. plans to build a \$5.8 million psychiatric hospital in Sandoval County between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The hospital expects to employ about 100 people when completed. Sandia Pueblo's bingo operation opened in January employing about 120 people. The Bernalillo County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center formally dedicated a new \$1.6 million wing for adolescent and geriatric patients. The center will be hiring and training a staff for its new adolescent inpatient program. A \$7.1 million renovation project on the east-west runway at Albuquerque International Airport began in January and will continue through July. Sunbell Corp., a jewelry-manufacturing and giftware firm that started business in Albuquerque nearly 50 years ago, laid off about 60 of its 123 employees in January. The company at its peak in the mid-1970s employed 550 people. The J.C. Penney Credit Center on Albuquerque's west side, which began hiring in 1981, now employs about 200 people with an annual payroll of \$2 million. Two million dollars in federal funds have been received by the City of Albuquerque to build an additional runway and parallel taxiway at the Double Eagle II airport. The runway and taxiway construction is expected to be complete by the end of 1984. Devore Aviation plans to build a 70,000-square-foot manufacturing

plant at the Double Eagle II airport. Devore will build a 2-seat trainer airplane and plans to be in operation by the spring of 1985. The new St. Joseph West Side Hospital, under construction on the west mesa, should be open in August. The hospital will employ about 300 people when fully staffed. Housing construction more than doubled in Albuquerque during 1983, compared with the previous year. A total of 2,251 permits with a total value of \$129.7 million were issued during 1983 for construction of single-family homes. That compares with the 1982 figures of 997 homes worth nearly \$53.8 million. For apartments, 55 permits were issued during 1983 for the building of 831 units worth \$15.4 million, compared with 25 permits and 670 units with a value of \$11.4 million in 1982. Honeywell's Residential Division is reducing the work force at its assembly plant in Albuquerque by about 100 employees. The reduction includes production and support personnel from all departments and is effective February 3. Honeywell will continue to employ about 180 people at its Albuquerque plant.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Developers of Fantasy Mountain, a \$3.5 million amusement park planned for an 18-acre site near Ruidoso Downs Race Track, have predicted that construction will start on the facility by early February. Ruidoso Recreation Incorporated is the developer of Fantasy Mountain.

CARLSBAD/ARTESTA AREA: A large shopping center is being planned for the south side of Carlsbad. The proposed 100,000 square foot center will include a large department store, a supermarket and several smaller retail stores. Work is approximately 75 percent complete on the U.S. 285 relocation project between Carlsbad and Artesia. Tezak Contractors is the contractor for the \$3.5 million highway project.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) is scheduled

to begin work on its \$6 million, 216 mile powerline project in March. The powerline will run from Clovis to PNM's station north of Albuquerque. The project is expected to employ 250 construction workers and be completed by January 1985. Portales Valley Mills has closed its peanut-butter manufacturing plant in Portales, resulting in the layoff of about 30 persons.

DEMING AREA: Work has started on the first phase of a multi-million dollar winery complex near Deming. Uras Farming Corporation is constructing a wine plant next to the firm's 420 acres of grape vines. Uras Farming hopes to begin producing one million bottles of wine per year beginning this fall, and eventually the firm wants to plant 5,000 acres of grape vines.

ESPANOLA AREA: Espanola will receive \$350,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to replace the Hamm Parkway animal shelter. Rio Arriba County will receive \$500,412 from the Community Block Grant program and the Emergency Jobs Bill. The grant is for the establishment of a day-care center in Canones and rehabilitation of 45 homes in the Espanola area. Yeargin Western Constructors will construct 16.9 miles of access road to the Sims Mesa recreation area of Navajo Lake. The \$4.7 million project will start as soon as weather permits.

FARMINGTON AREA: The first mobile home rolled out of the new \$2 million Cavalier Homes plant in December. The company now employs about 70 workers and plans to add another 70 or 80 people by March.

GRANTS/GALLUP AREA: Operations began in December at the Plains Electric Escalante Generating Station near Prewitt, and the plant will be undergoing tests from January through December 1984. The plant is currently employing about 90 people. The Lee Ranch Coal Mine is about 60 percent completed. The mine will employ 90 to 100 permanent employees when it goes into full operation later this year. The new \$20 million state prison near Grants is about 70 percent complete, and the facility is expected to open in September. The prison construc-

tion provides about 120 jobs, and when completed, the prison will employ about 150 full-time workers.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Building permit issuances in Hobbs during 1983 were valued at \$29.9 million, almost 10 percent less than the \$33.1 million valuation of 1982 building permits. W.A. Jourdan Construction Company has started a \$1.5 million remodeling project at Lovington High School. The Foodway store at Bel Aire Shopping Center in Hobbs has closed. A new \$225,000 Grandy's Country Cookin' restaurant will open in Hobbs by early March with about 80 employees.

LAS CRUCES AREA: White Sands Missile Range has awarded a \$11.3 million contract to a Michigan business for research on atmospheric factors. Officials of Optimetrics Incorporated estimate approximately 25 persons will be involved in the research effort. A \$5.5 million shopping center is under construction at the corner of Foothills Road and Telshor Boulevard. The 78,000 square foot "High Range Plaza" will house 20 retail stores when completed this November. Building permits issued by the City of Las Cruces during 1983 totaled to 2,075 with a valuation of approximately \$51 million, a significant increase from the 1,599 permits with a \$36 million valuation issued in 1982.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Community development project grants were approved for San Miguel and Mora Counties. Non-rural project grants approved were \$150,000 for the old town plaza rehabilitation in Las Vegas, and \$120,000 for housing rehabilitation in Mora County. A rural project grant approved was \$40,000 to San Miguel County for a solid waste disposal facility at Villanueva. M.G.M. has completed the filming of "Red Dawn" in Las Vegas. The movie helped the Las Vegas economy by employing about 500 local people and spending money for materials, leases, rents, etc.

RATON AREA: Due to weather conditions, Herzog Construction has suspended operations on the Highway 72 bridge replacement

and the Interstate 25 resurfacing project. Both projects employed from 50 to 75 workers. A new \$2.5 million Farmers Bank building is planned in Clayton. The new building will be located on South First St. and should be completed by June 1985. Right-of-way acquisition is under way to construct Amoco's 210-mile Bravo pipeline system which will carry carbon dioxide from north-eastern New Mexico to the Permian Basin of West Texas. Amoco Production has drilled more than 250 wells in the Bravo Dome carbon dioxide gas unit near Clayton. Pacific Studs in Cimarron has stopped operations at their sawmill to due adverse weather conditions. The sawmill has laid off about 50 employees.

ROSWELL AREA: The new \$1.5 million First City National Bank building is completed after 13 months of construction.

SANTA FE AREA: The Santa Fe City Council has approved industrial revenue bonds to finance two projects. Given final approval were issues of \$7.8 million to Jay Roehl and Associates for a new Cerrillos Road motel and \$1.2 million to McMim Co. to build an office building on West Manhattan Avenue. Nambe Mills Inc. of Santa Fe will be expanding to year-round work and adding a second shift. Ninety-four people are employed full-time now, and about half that amount will be employed for the second shift. Nambe Mills produces metal cook-and-serve products. Villa Marika, a \$20 million resort-hotel complex planned for a location 15 miles southwest of Santa Fe, has received preliminary development approval from the County Development Review Committee. Resort plans call for two restaurants, a lodge, a conference center and a health club, to be built on 25 of the development's 170-acre site. The start of the 1984 Legislature means about 200 temporary jobs in the capital. The jobs will last through the 30-day legislative session. A new \$450,000, 60-unit Super 8 Motel is being built on Cerrillos Road. The motel construction is expected to be completed in February. Bell's Family Store will close in February after 58 years in Santa Fe. The store employs 14 people.

SILVER CITY AREA: Work is approximately one-half completed on the new \$35 million copper recovery plant at Phelps Dodge Corporation's Tyrone mine. The plant is expected to be operational this summer and employ 16 operators and maintenance personnel.

SOCORRO/BELEN AREA: The Belen City Council approved the issuance of \$2.9 million in industrial revenue bonds to build a 100-bed nursing home. The nursing home, to be built by Care More Inc., will be called Belen Health Care Limited. The Torrance County Commissioners have signed resolutions declaring the counties' intent to authorize the issuance of industrial development bonds to 10 of 12 light manufacturing plants planning to locate there. Two companies are not seeking financing through these bonds. The companies would engage in light manufacturing such as making contact lenses, fire and safety equipment, clothing, furniture assembly, and fat rendering.

TAOS AREA: Taos Ski Valley opened in mid-December with more than 300 workers who receive a total of \$2.5 million in wages during ski season. Taos host about 3,000 skiers a day during ski season, each spending about \$105 each day of an average four-day stay. Amalia Lumber Company has laid off about 50 workers because of the deep snow conditions in the forest. Amalia Lumber now employs about 32 people.

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 1983 1/				REVISED NOVEMBER 1983 1/				REVISED DECEMBER 1982 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	599,952	546,830	53,122	8.9%	601,474	546,914	54,560	9.1%	596,521	538,107	58,414	9.8%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	228,463	210,425	18,038	7.9%	227,332	208,798	18,534	8.2%	222,326	203,696	18,630	8.4%
LAS CRUCES SMSA 3/	40,915	37,630	3,285	8.0%	41,760	38,125	3,635	8.7%	38,850	35,259	3,591	9.2%
Catron	880	732	148	16.8%	947	806	141	14.9%	945	739	206	21.8%
Chaves	24,312	22,511	1,801	7.4%	24,599	22,803	1,796	7.3%	24,340	22,828	1,512	6.2%
Cibola	11,019	9,457	1,562	14.2%	11,050	9,303	1,747	15.8%	12,490	9,541	2,949	23.6%
Colfax	6,850	5,930	920	13.4%	6,720	5,663	1,057	15.7%	6,552	5,686	866	13.2%
Curry	14,868	13,737	1,131	7.6%	15,094	13,832	1,262	8.4%	14,944	13,777	1,167	7.8%
De Baca	976	921	55	5.6%	1,014	959	55	5.4%	1,004	954	50	5.0%
Eddy	23,789	21,158	2,631	11.1%	24,197	21,368	2,829	11.7%	24,985	22,570	2,415	9.7%
Grant	9,858	8,504	1,354	13.7%	10,105	8,654	1,451	14.4%	10,834	7,450	3,384	31.2%
Guadalupe	1,522	1,394	128	8.4%	1,581	1,453	128	8.1%	1,375	1,299	76	5.5%
Harding	590	585	5	0.8%	622	615	7	1.1%	513	497	16	3.1%
Hidalgo	2,383	2,218	165	6.9%	2,476	2,300	176	7.1%	2,530	2,253	277	10.9%
Lea	32,232	30,550	1,682	5.2%	32,855	30,892	1,963	6.0%	34,563	32,654	1,909	5.5%
Lincoln	7,218	6,800	418	5.8%	7,320	6,914	406	5.5%	7,019	6,707	312	4.4%
Los Alamos	10,955	10,695	260	2.4%	10,770	10,577	193	1.8%	10,570	10,321	249	2.4%
Luna	4,912	4,327	585	11.9%	5,019	4,423	596	11.9%	5,046	4,436	610	12.1%
McKinley	17,223	15,283	1,940	11.3%	17,079	15,061	2,018	11.8%	17,902	15,349	2,553	14.3%
Mora	1,112	720	392	35.3%	1,130	776	354	31.3%	1,155	781	374	32.4%
Otero	14,486	13,214	1,272	8.8%	14,327	13,186	1,141	8.0%	14,609	13,360	1,249	8.5%
Quay	5,350	4,903	447	8.4%	5,268	4,851	417	7.9%	5,027	4,518	509	10.1%
Rio Arriba	11,696	9,497	2,199	18.8%	11,346	9,471	1,875	16.5%	11,456	9,064	2,392	20.9%
Roosevelt	8,014	7,571	443	5.5%	8,398	7,943	455	5.4%	7,931	7,495	436	5.5%
San Juan	37,720	32,831	4,889	13.0%	37,968	33,100	4,868	12.8%	39,239	34,190	5,049	12.9%
San Miguel	8,294	7,261	1,033	12.5%	8,691	7,687	1,004	11.6%	9,009	7,783	1,226	13.6%
Santa Fe	39,866	37,354	2,512	6.3%	39,283	36,727	2,556	6.5%	37,958	35,438	2,520	6.6%
Sierra	2,465	2,339	126	5.1%	2,535	2,394	141	5.6%	2,530	2,345	185	7.3%
Socorro	4,746	4,303	443	9.3%	5,012	4,605	407	8.1%	4,824	4,337	487	10.1%
Taos	11,491	9,679	1,812	15.8%	11,016	9,187	1,829	16.6%	10,490	8,817	1,673	15.9%
Torrance	2,262	2,108	154	6.8%	2,312	2,141	171	7.4%	2,222	2,113	109	4.9%
Union	2,776	2,639	137	4.9%	3,035	2,901	134	4.4%	2,397	2,212	185	7.7%
Valencia	10,709	9,554	1,155	10.8%	10,613	9,399	1,214	11.4%	10,886	9,638	1,248	11.5%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

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HIGHLIGHTS

Each year, usually in February, we revise the recent two or three year's civilian labor force and nonagricultural industry employment estimates for New Mexico and its labor areas. The revisions are made to incorporate new and updated information from the U.S. Department of Labor's Current Population Survey and Current Employment Statistics Program. This year, we have revised the civilian labor force series back through 1981 and the non-farm industry employment estimates for 1982 and 1983. Included on page 10 of this issue are the new 1983 labor force estimates for New Mexico and the Albuquerque area. Revised 1983 county labor force estimates appear on page 11. Pages 12 through 17 contain the new 1982 and 1983 nonagricultural industry employment data for the state and the Albuquerque and Las Cruces areas.

The New Mexico unemployment rate this January was 9.0 percent, unchanged from the revised December 1983 estimate. The number of unemployed in the state stood at 54,100, while persons with jobs totaled 544,500. Civilian labor force estimates for the Nation in January indicated an unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) of 8.8 percent.

New Mexico's unemployment situation improved considerably in 1983. The state began 1983 with record high jobless rates (Jan. - 11.2%, Feb. - 11.5%, Mar. - 11.3%), but

by year's end the unemployment rate had dropped over two percentage points to 9.0 percent.

Even with this improvement, New Mexico's 1983 annual average jobless rate of 10.1 percent was above the U.S. rate of 9.6 percent. New Mexico's unemployment rate was also higher in 1983 than in any of its border states. Listed below are the 1983 annual average unemployment rates for New Mexico and its neighbors.

New Mexico	10.1%	Oklahoma	9.0%
Arizona	9.1%	Texas	8.0%
Colorado	6.6%	Utah	9.2%

JANUARY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Jan 1984	Revised Dec 1983	Revised Jan 1983	Change From Dec 1983	Change From Jan 1983
Civilian Labor Force	598,600	605,900	590,700	-7,300	+7,900
Employment	544,500	551,400	524,500	-6,900	+20,000
Unemployment	54,100	54,500	66,200	- 400	-12,100
Rate	9.0%	9.0%	11.2%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JAN 1984	Revised DEC 1983	Revised JAN 1983	JAN DEC 1983	Change From JAN 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT <u>1/</u>	479,200	485,300	463,500	-6,100	+15,700
MINING	21,100	21,000	22,800	+ 100	- 1,700
Metal Mining	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	+ 200
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,000	4,000	4,800	0	- 800
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,000	12,900	14,100	+ 100	- 1,100
CONSTRUCTION	30,900	32,000	28,300	-1,100	+ 2,600
MANUFACTURING	34,200	34,900	33,600	- 700	+ 600
Durable Goods	21,500	22,100	21,500	- 600	0
Lumber and Wood Products	2,300	2,400	2,100	- 100	+ 200
Elec and Electronic Equipment	5,300	5,300	4,600	0	+ 700
Transportation Equipment	3,200	3,400	4,600	- 200	+ 1,400
Other Durable Goods	10,700	11,000	10,200	- 300	+ 500
Nondurable Goods	12,700	12,800	12,100	- 100	+ 600
Food and Kindred Products	3,900	4,000	3,700	- 100	+ 200
Textiles and Apparel	2,700	2,700	2,500	0	+ 200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,100	6,100	5,900	0	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,900	29,400	29,400	- 500	- 500
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	5,300	5,700	5,300	- 400	0
Other Transportation	4,100	4,000	4,100	+ 100	0
Communication	7,800	7,900	8,000	- 100	- 200
Elec, Gas and Sanitary Services	9,400	9,500	9,700	- 100	- 300
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	113,000	115,900	106,100	-2,900	+ 6,900
Wholesale Trade	21,400	21,600	21,000	- 200	+ 400
Durable Goods	12,500	12,500	12,300	0	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	8,900	9,100	8,700	- 200	+ 200
Retail Trade	91,600	94,300	85,100	-2,700	+ 6,500
General Merchandise Stores	11,000	12,000	10,600	-1,000	+ 400
Food Stores	13,700	13,800	12,200	- 100	+ 1,500
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	12,100	12,100	11,700	0	+ 400
Eating and Drinking Places	21,800	32,200	28,900	- 400	+ 2,900
Other Retail Trade	23,000	24,200	21,700	-1,200	+ 1,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	23,500	23,500	22,200	0	+ 1,300
Banking	8,400	8,300	7,800	+ 100	+ 600
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins and Real Estate	9,700	9,800	9,000	- 100	+ 700
SERVICES	99,900	100,300	94,900	- 400	+ 5,000
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,100	10,100	9,600	0	+ 500
Personal Services	5,100	5,000	5,200	+ 100	- 100
Business Services	22,200	22,300	21,100	- 100	+ 1,100
Health Services	25,400	25,400	24,400	0	+ 1,000
Social Services	6,200	6,300	6,100	- 100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	4,900	5,000	4,500	- 100	+ 400
Other Services	26,000	26,200	24,000	- 200	+ 2,000
GOVERNMENT	127,700	128,300	126,200	- 600	+ 1,500
Federal	28,700	28,400	28,700	+ 300	0
State <u>2/</u>	43,800	44,600	42,800	- 800	+ 1,000
Local	55,200	55,300	54,700	- 100	+ 500

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate continued its decline in January. The rate dropped from a revised December estimate of 8.1 percent to 7.9 percent and the January estimates indicated that 500 fewer persons were unemployed than in December. Total unemployment in January was 2,800 lower than one year ago, while the unemployment rate was down a full one and one half percentage points from January 1983.

Total nonagricultural employment fell by 2,600 during the month; however, most

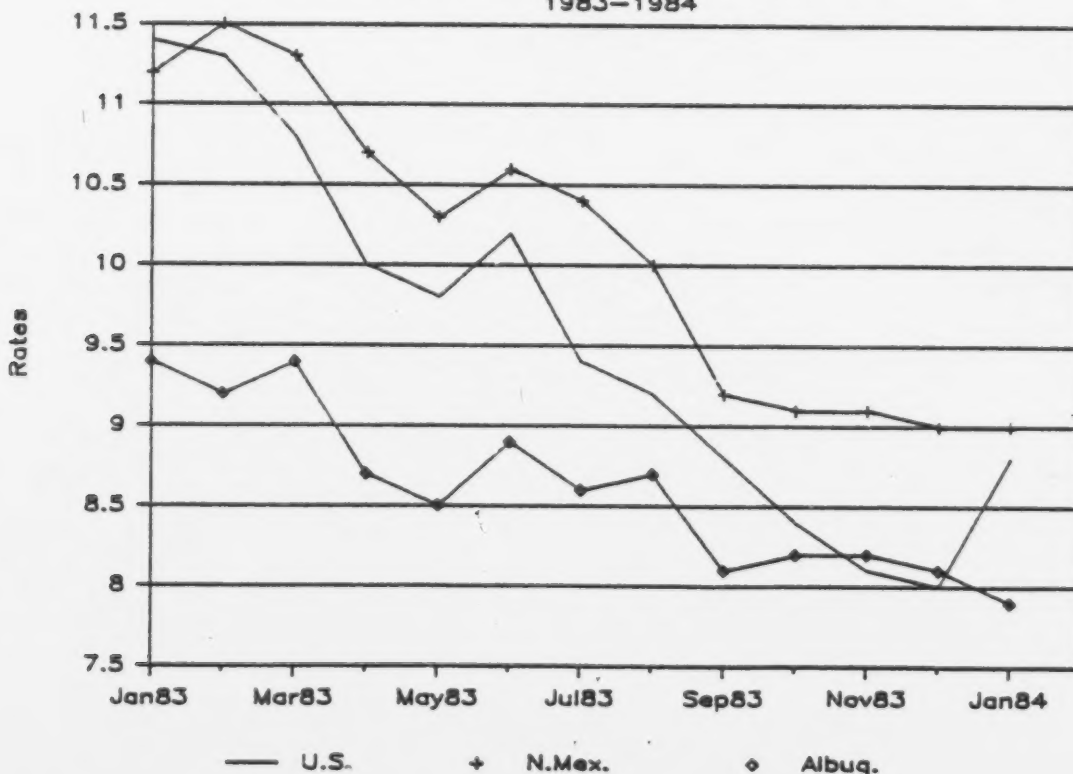
of the loss was expected due to post-Christmas layoffs in trade and weather-related reduction in construction. Probably the most significant employment change was the 400 decline in area manufacturing jobs. The majority of this decrease was the result of layoffs at three manufacturers - one in jewelry making and two in the transportation equipment sub-sectors. Over the year, nonagricultural payroll employment grew by 9,800 and all major industries except transportation & public utilities participated in the job growth.

	JANUARY SUMMARY 1/				
	Prel. <u>Jan. 1984</u>	Revised <u>Dec. 1983</u>	<u>Jan. 1983</u>	Change From <u>Dec. 1983</u> <u>Jan. 1983</u>	
Civilian Labor Force	229,100	231,200	223,800	-2,100	+5,300
Employment	210,900	212,500	202,800	-1,600	+8,100
Unemployment	18,200	18,700	21,000	- 500	-2,800
Rate	7.9%	8.1%	9.4%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

Unemployment Rates

1983-1984



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JAN 1984	Revised DEC 1983	Revised JAN 1983	JAN Change From DEC 1983	JAN 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	200,500	203,100	190,700	-2,600	+9,800
CONSTRUCTION	13,100	13,700	11,700	- 600	+1,400
MANUFACTURING	18,700	19,100	18,100	- 400	+ 600
Durable Goods	13,200	13,500	12,800	- 300	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,600	5,300	- 100	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,000	12,100	12,000	- 100	0
Transportation	5,200	5,300	5,200	- 100	0
Communication	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	50,500	52,100	47,500	-1,600	+3,000
Wholesale Trade	12,900	13,000	12,700	- 100	+ 200
Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,200	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,700	4,500	- 100	+ 100
Retail Trade	37,600	39,100	34,800	-1,500	+2,800
General Merchandise Stores	4,100	4,500	4,000	- 400	+ 100
Food Stores	4,200	4,300	3,700	- 100	+ 500
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	14,200	14,500	12,700	- 300	+1,500
Other Retail Trade	10,800	11,500	10,200	- 700	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,000	12,000	11,100	0	+ 900
Banking	3,100	3,100	2,900	0	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,200	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,500	5,500	5,000	0	+ 500
SERVICES and MINING	50,800	50,800	47,700	0	+3,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	2,900	3,000	2,700	- 100	+ 200
Health Services	12,100	12,100	11,300	0	+ 800
Social Services	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	- 100
Membership Organizations	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	- 100
Other Services and Mining	31,800	31,700	29,500	+ 100	+2,300
GOVERNMENT	43,400	43,300	42,600	+ 100	+ 800
Federal	12,600	12,200	12,400	+ 400	+ 200
State	11,600	11,900	11,400	- 300	+ 200
Local	19,200	19,200	18,800	0	+ 400

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which includes the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JAN 1984	Revised DEC 1983	Revised JAN 1983	JAN Change From DEC 1983	JAN 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	34,275	34,750	32,775	-475	+1,350
CONSTRUCTION	2,200	2,225	1,825	- 25	+ 375
MANUFACTURING	3,175	3,200	3,025	- 25	+ 150
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,300	1,400	1,375	-100	- 75
Transportation	575	650	600	- 75	- 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	725	750	775	- 25	- 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,650	6,775	6,125	-125	+ 525
Wholesale Trade	750	750	725	0	+ 25
Retail Trade	5,900	6,025	5,400	-125	+ 500
General Merchandise Stores	300	375	750	- 75	+ 50
Food Stores	675	700	775	- 25	- 100
Auto Dlr's & Serv Stations	775	775	750	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,400	2,350	2,000	+ 50	+ 400
Other Retail Trade	1,250	1,325	1,125	- 75	+ 125
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,300	1,325	1,225	- 25	- 75
SERVICES & MINING	4,625	4,625	4,350	0	+ 275
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	525	525	600	0	- 75
Business Services	700	700	675	0	+ 25
Health Services	1,050	1,050	875	0	+ 175
Social Services	300	300	300	0	0
Other Services & Mining	2,050	2,050	1,900	0	+ 150
GOVERNMENT	15,025	15,200	14,850	-175	+ 175
Federal	4,375	4,400	4,525	- 25	- 150
State	5,900	6,000	5,625	-100	+ 275
Local	4,750	4,800	4,700	- 50	+ 50

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN	JAN	DEC	JAN
	1984	1983	1983	1984	1983	1983	1984	1983	1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$495.47	\$486.86	\$485.93	43.5	44.1	42.7	\$11.39	\$11.04	\$11.38
CONSTRUCTION	403.62	384.03	388.08	37.2	35.2	36.1	10.85	10.91	10.75
MANUFACTURING	297.61	308.80	305.96	38.5	40.0	40.1	7.73	7.72	7.63
Durable Goods	301.44	316.80	325.60	37.4	40.0	40.7	8.06	7.92	8.00
Nondurable Gds	288.56	292.73	264.03	40.7	40.1	39.0	7.09	7.30	6.77
COMM and UTIL	431.91	421.96	394.38	39.3	38.5	40.7	10.99	10.96	9.69
TRADE *	253.50	250.11	238.74	33.8	36.3	34.6	7.50	6.89	6.90
BANKING	211.18	201.88	205.93	39.4	38.6	39.3	5.36	5.23	5.24

ALBUQUERQUE

MANUFACTURING	\$278.23	\$297.88	\$302.76	37.7	40.2	40.1	\$ 7.38	\$ 7.41	\$ 7.55
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* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: Oil production in New Mexico during 1983 totaled 75 million barrels, an increase of 3.9 million barrels or 5.6 percent over 1982 production. This is the first increase in statewide oil production since the record 129.2 million barrels in 1969. Federal government construction projects proposed for Fiscal Year 1985 in New Mexico total above the \$200 million mark. The proposed projects include \$82.1 million for work at Los Alamos and Sandia National Laboratories, \$60 million for the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP), and \$45 million for Brantley Dam. Both WIPP, and Brantley Dam are near Carlsbad. The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded a \$45,000 grant, which will be matched by State funds, to establish a new employment service clearing house for New Mexico veterans. The money will be used to set up an office in Albuquerque which will accept both applications from job seekers and job orders from employers. The Department of Labor offers a program called the Emergency Veterans' Job Training Program which pays an employer up to \$10,000 or 50 percent of a worker's salary for one year if a long-term unemployed veteran is hired.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Construction is continuing on the Sanger Harris department store at Coronado Center. The new store should open in August and employ 250 to 300 people. Gulston Industries of Albuquerque has received a \$6.5 million federal contract to supply equipment to the Trident ballistic missile program. Gulston will be expanding its Data Systems Division plant by 25,000 square feet and adding about 100 new jobs to help fulfill the contract. Data Systems currently employs about 250 people. Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) has unveiled its Interactive Video Information System (IVIS) educational computer that is manufactured in the company's Albuquerque plant. The Albuquerque plant also produces DEC's Rainbow personal computer and the VT100 video terminal family. DEC employs about 1,150 people in Albuquerque. Kistler Collister will close its Coronado Center store in mid-March

and expand its older store on San Mateo NE by 80,000 square feet. The company plans to increase employment at the San Mateo store after expansion. Construction is expected to begin by mid-1984 on Phase II of the Living Care retirement community in Albuquerque. The \$3 million addition of 56 two-bedroom retirement apartments will be located in a wing on the north side of the existing facility. The Albuquerque City Council has approved a 20-year lease with Phoenix-based Cavant Associates for a six-story, 500-space parking garage at Fifth Street and Marquette Avenue. The \$4 million project is expected to start this spring and take approximately 18 months to complete. General Electric (GE) has received a one-year contract from the Department of Defense to build 120 jet engines for the F-16 Tomcat. GE assembles its jet engines at an Evendale, Ohio plant, but many of the components are made in its Albuquerque plant. The Albuquerque plant has suffered significant layoffs in the last year due to slumping demand for the company's commercial jet engines. The huge surge in demand for microprocessors has Intel Corporation spending \$350 million this year on expanded production, including the opening of its Rio Rancho plant this March. The plant will expand Intel's manufacturing capacity by up to 40 percent in the next few years. The \$103.5 million Veterans Administration Medical Center on Ridgecrest Drive S.E. is about 10 percent complete. The medical center construction is expected to generate about 700 jobs during the next 32 months. Lovelace Medical Center has opened a \$650,000 Family Medical Care/Urgent Care office at Rio Bravo and Isleta Boulevard. Construction has started on the \$3.1 million Park Place apartment building at Park Avenue and 14th Street Southwest. The 38-unit complex is scheduled for completion in October. The Rehabilitation Center Incorporated celebrated its 25th anniversary in February. The center employed 140 handicapped workers in 1983, in such diverse jobs as packing 6,000 pounds of red chile for Bueno Foods, spray painting 55,000 speaker diverters

for Motorola, salvaging telephone equipment for Mountain Bell, and producing pens for state and federal government.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Work has started on the \$4.7 million expansion of Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. The project should be completed within two years. White Sands Missile Range awarded more than \$31 million in contracts to area businesses in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1984 (October through December 1983). The largest contracts went to Dynallectron Corporation (\$5.4 million for data collection), New Mexico State University (\$4 million for computer support), and Dynaspan Corporation (\$3.6 million for equipment operation and maintenance).

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Construction has begun on the 35,000 square foot, \$1.3 million Furr's Family Center in Artesia. Page and Wertz of Amarillo is the contractor for the project. Guadalupe Medical Center in Carlsbad laid off 21 workers in January and has reduced its payroll by another 40 workers through attrition because of a declining patient population. The new 79-room Pecos Inn is scheduled for completion in April.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: According to Air Force officials, Cannon Air Force Base's economic impact on the area economy in Fiscal Year 1983 amounted to approximately \$200 million. This includes \$97 million for base payroll and \$40 million for purchased materials. Work is progressing on the \$4 million expansion project at the Southwest Cannery plant in Portales. The project is expected to triple the soft-drink canning capacity of the plant when it is completed in early June.

ESPAÑOLA AREA: Rio Arriba county will receive \$253,042 as its 25 percent share of income from national forest lands located within the county. Monks Construction Company of Colorado Springs has been awarded a \$2.9 million contract for rehabilitation of two floodwater retarding dams in the Santa Cruz Valley.

FARMINGTON AREA: Construction is scheduled

to start in early April on a new Safeway food store in Aztec. The \$3.5 million store has an opening date of October 1st. The San Juan Regional Medical Center recently laid off 20 employees. The Consolidation Coal Company, headquartered in Pittsburgh PA., has laid off about half of its Burnham mine employees; but the mine will remain open. The Burnham mine, located 45 miles southwest of Farmington, has 15 to 20 workers continuing on the job.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: The Grants area received good news recently when an area uranium producer announced plans to reopen its mine. Western Nuclear intends to reopen its uranium mine north of Thoreau in June, calling back about 70 of the workers laid off when the firm suspended operations in July 1982. Western Nuclear officials stated, however, that they did not anticipate any additional rehiring any time soon after the mine is reopened.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON: Llano Incorporated will build a \$4.5 million, 33-mile natural gas pipeline in northern Lea County. The new line will extend Llano's gathering system into a new gas-prone area near McDonald. Construction is underway on a 63-room, \$1.6 million Econo Lodge Motel in Hobbs. Hamilton Construction Company of Silver City was awarded a \$2.1 million contract for repaving 17 miles on U.S. 82 near Lovington.

LAS CRUCES AREA: The new 67,000-square-foot Skaggs Alpha Beta store on Wyatt Drive celebrated its grand opening on February 18. Approximately 190 workers are employed at the facility. City commissioners passed an ordinance to issue \$12.4 million in industrial revenue bonds to the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society for expansion of their nursing home on Terrace Drive. Major agricultural activities in Dona Ana county include the pruning of pecan trees and field preparation for chili and cotton planting.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Construction has started on the \$5 million Highlands University gymnasium. KNC-Rodgers Construction

Company of Albuquerque is the project contractor.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Western States Mechanical Contractors of Albuquerque has received a \$491,132 contract to build a two-story office addition at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The project will start within a month and should continue for about a year. Khalsa Builders of Espanola has been awarded a \$213,414 contract to remodel approximately 2,200 square feet of laboratory space. Work on the project started in February, and completion is expected in about seven months.

ROSWELL AREA: Work is continuing on the \$10 million, 300,000-square-foot Roswell Mall at Pine Lodge Road and Main Street. The mall is expected to open this spring with approximately 50 stores including major tenants J.C. Penney, Beall's, Walmart, and C.R. Anthony. Construction was recently begun on a \$6 million renovation and expansion project at the Sunwest Bank Building in Roswell. The project will expand the office structure to 125,000-square feet.

Pecos River Gas Plant, Ltd. has opened its new natural gas processing plant east of Roswell. The plant employs about 40 workers. CDK Contracting Company of Farmington was awarded a \$6.7 million contract to build Roswell's new wastewater treatment plant.

SANTA FE AREA: Construction has started on the 600,000-square-foot Villa Linda Mall at Rodeo and Cerrillos Roads. The mall will include about 70 retail stores and is expected to be completed by the summer of 1985. A new \$6 million, 160-unit Budget Inn Motel will be built on Cerrillos Road on a site now occupied by the La Paz Motel.

SILVER CITY/LORDSBURG AREA: Non-Metallic Mining, Milling and Manufacturing, Incorporated has asked the City of Lordsburg to apply for an Urban Development Action Grant which would be used to build a chemical plant in the Lordsburg Area. The plant would produce gypsum and hydrogen fluoride and initially employ approximately 45 persons, according to the firm. Chino

Mines Company recalled about 40 workers in mid-January in order to increase waste stripping at the Santa Rita copper mines. The recalled workers were truck drivers and electricians. Chino officials said the recalls did not reflect any improvement in the depressed copper market. Eleven copper companies, including Kennecott and Phelps-Dodge, have asked the International Trade Commission to limit copper imports through a temporary five-year quota. The copper companies said that 25 percent of the U.S. market has been captured by foreign companies.

SOCORRO AREA: Socorro has been selected as the location of the operations center for the Very Large Baseline Array (VLBA) radio telescope facility. The new VLBA program will consist of 10 radio antennas in 10 different locations from Hawaii to Puerto Rico, and two of the eight antennas in the U.S. will be in New Mexico. The total cost of the VLBA program is estimated at about \$60 million. Between 80 and 90 people will be needed to operate the program, and about 20 people will work in New Mexico.

TAOS AREA: The Carson National Forest now employs about 230 workers, and additional seasonal hiring is expected to begin in April or May. Amalia Lumber Company has called back the employees laid off in January. The company now employs about 90 workers. Two new motels have recently opened in Taos; and together, they employ about 20 persons. The new motels are the Taos 6 Motel and the Hacienda de Taos.

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1984 1/				REVISED DECEMBER 1983 1/				REVISED JANUARY 1983 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	598,535	544,467	54,068	9.0%	605,904	551,435	54,469	9.0%	590,734	524,529	66,205	11.2%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	229,013	210,854	18,159	7.9%	231,238	212,517	18,721	8.1%	223,731	202,755	20,976	9.4%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	41,020	27,634	3,386	8.3%	42,011	38,608	3,403	8.1%	39,556	35,504	4,052	10.2%
Catron	835	661	174	20.8%	888	724	164	18.5%	894	646	248	27.7%
Chaves	23,446	21,869	1,577	6.7%	23,940	22,250	1,690	7.1%	23,424	21,734	1,690	7.2%
Cibola	11,262	9,495	1,767	15.7%	11,445	9,580	1,865	16.3%	12,265	9,106	3,159	25.8%
Colfax	6,722	5,778	944	14.0%	6,801	5,863	938	13.8%	6,766	5,732	1,034	15.3%
Curry	14,847	13,694	1,153	7.8%	15,040	13,904	1,136	7.6%	15,169	13,646	1,523	10.0%
De Baca	977	897	80	8.2%	1,008	946	62	6.2%	965	891	74	7.7%
Eddy	23,180	20,650	2,530	10.9%	23,792	21,119	2,673	11.2%	23,833	21,043	2,790	11.7%
Grant	9,690	8,327	1,363	14.1%	9,845	8,459	1,386	14.1%	10,308	7,060	3,248	31.5%
Guadalupe	1,432	1,310	122	8.5%	1,506	1,379	127	8.4%	1,335	1,244	91	6.8%
Harding	542	526	16	3.0%	602	581	21	3.5%	485	467	18	3.7%
Hidalgo	2,289	2,143	146	6.4%	2,361	2,204	157	6.6%	2,434	2,168	266	10.9%
Lea	31,456	29,820	1,636	5.2%	31,777	30,075	1,702	5.4%	32,529	30,267	2,262	7.0%
Lincoln	7,278	6,904	374	5.1%	7,392	7,006	386	5.2%	6,848	6,495	353	5.2%
Los Alamos	10,800	10,562	238	2.2%	10,761	10,570	191	1.8%	10,586	10,338	248	2.3%
Luna	4,844	4,209	635	13.1%	4,938	4,344	594	12.0%	4,926	4,218	708	14.4%
McKinley	17,316	15,394	1,922	11.1%	17,555	15,596	1,959	11.2%	18,016	15,074	2,942	16.3%
Mora	1,117	689	428	38.3%	1,114	715	399	35.8%	1,154	678	476	41.2%
Otero	14,463	13,227	1,236	8.5%	14,616	13,383	1,233	8.4%	14,591	13,102	1,489	10.2%
Quay	5,252	4,786	466	8.9%	5,489	5,024	465	8.5%	4,970	4,345	625	12.6%
Rio Arriba	11,857	9,264	2,593	21.9%	11,668	9,384	2,284	19.6%	11,697	8,714	2,983	25.5%
Roosevelt	7,418	7,027	391	5.3%	7,344	6,909	435	5.9%	7,519	7,035	484	6.4%
San Juan	36,800	31,849	4,951	13.5%	37,021	32,069	4,952	13.4%	36,587	30,903	5,684	15.5%
San Miguel	8,944	7,728	1,216	13.6%	9,228	8,128	1,100	11.9%	8,189	6,811	1,378	16.8%
Santa Fe	41,307	38,772	2,535	6.1%	41,697	39,141	2,556	6.1%	39,257	36,082	3,175	8.1%
Sierra	2,424	2,288	136	5.6%	2,504	2,377	127	5.1%	2,341	2,171	170	7.3%
Socorro	4,935	4,446	489	9.9%	5,011	4,569	442	8.8%	4,614	4,096	518	11.2%
Taos	11,470	9,564	1,906	16.6%	11,491	9,619	1,872	16.3%	10,929	8,991	1,938	17.7%
Torrance	2,210	2,010	200	9.0%	2,282	2,106	176	7.7%	2,136	1,984	152	7.1%
Union	2,648	2,498	150	5.7%	2,743	2,609	134	4.9%	2,223	2,029	194	8.7%
Valencia	10,741	9,592	1,149	10.7%	10,796	9,677	1,119	10.4%	10,457	9,200	1,257	12.0%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

3/ Dona Ana County

NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE AREA
1983 CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
BY MONTH AND ANNUAL AVERAGE

NEW MEXICO

1983	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
January	590,734	524,529	66,205	11.2%
February	595,462	527,103	68,359	11.5%
March	600,158	532,174	67,984	11.3%
April	601,544	537,283	64,261	10.7%
May	607,930	545,037	62,893	10.3%
June	617,508	551,948	65,560	10.6%
July	620,347	555,940	64,407	10.4%
August	616,773	554,968	61,805	10.0%
September	615,082	558,547	56,535	9.2%
October	614,547	558,632	55,915	9.1%
November	610,011	554,404	55,607	9.1%
December	605,904	551,435	54,469	9.0%
Annual Average	608,000	546,000	62,000	10.1%

ALBUQUERQUE AREA 1/

1983	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
January	223,731	202,755	20,976	9.4%
February	225,298	204,593	20,705	9.2%
March	226,625	205,410	21,215	9.4%
April	228,475	208,579	19,896	8.7%
May	229,715	210,299	19,416	8.5%
June	232,462	211,687	20,775	8.9%
July	234,787	214,557	20,230	8.6%
August	232,469	212,175	20,294	8.7%
September	232,645	213,827	18,818	8.1%
October	231,652	212,616	19,036	8.2%
November	231,129	212,195	18,934	8.2%
December	231,238	212,517	18,721	8.1%
Annual Averages	230,019	210,101	19,918	8.7%

1/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY AREA

1983 ANNUAL AVERAGES 1/

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
STATEWIDE	608,000	546,000	62,000	10.1%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA <u>2/</u>	230,019	210,101	19,918	8.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA <u>3/</u>	41,279	37,382	3,897	9.4%
Catron	971	815	156	16.1%
Chaves	24,322	22,346	1,976	8.1%
Cibola	11,962	9,467	2,495	20.9%
Colfax	7,050	5,981	1,069	15.2%
Curry	15,407	14,054	1,353	8.8%
De Baca	1,035	962	73	7.1%
Eddy	24,556	21,061	3,495	14.2%
Grant	10,225	8,073	2,152	21.0%
Guadalupe	1,499	1,383	116	7.7%
Harding	578	557	21	3.6%
Hidalgo	2,505	2,274	231	9.2%
Lea	32,709	30,391	2,318	7.1%
Lincoln	7,908	7,549	359	4.5%
Los Alamos	10,752	10,523	229	2.1%
Luna	5,138	4,500	638	12.4%
McKinley	18,078	15,316	2,762	15.3%
Mora	1,131	751	380	33.6%
Otero	14,969	13,669	1,300	8.7%
Quay	5,379	4,833	546	10.2%
Rio Arriba	11,528	9,190	2,338	20.3%
Roosevelt	7,780	7,322	458	5.9%
San Juan	37,334	31,686	5,648	15.1%
San Miguel	8,640	7,469	1,171	13.6%
Santa Fe	41,400	38,635	2,765	6.7%
Sierra	2,543	2,378	165	6.5%
Socorro	4,826	4,383	443	9.2%
Taos	10,917	8,976	1,941	17.8%
Torrance	2,276	2,134	142	6.2%
Union	2,429	2,280	149	6.1%
Valencia	10,859	9,563	1,296	11.9%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Includes Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.

3/ Dona Ana County.

NEW MEXICO ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT
1972 Standard Industrial Classification
January 1983 - December 1983 - In Thousands - Revised February 1984

INDUSTRY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	463.5	465.1	468.7	472.5	478.0	481.6	482.8	481.9	486.6	485.1	484.9	485.3	478.1
MINING	22.8	21.5	20.8	20.2	20.6	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.2	20.7	20.9	21.0	20.8
Metal Mining	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.1	13.2	12.7	12.3	12.6	12.6	12.8	12.7	12.5	12.7	12.9	12.9	12.8
CONSTRUCTION	28.3	28.9	30.4	32.1	33.4	36.0	36.1	36.1	35.2	34.2	33.4	32.0	33.0
MANUFACTURING	33.6	33.4	33.3	33.8	34.3	34.4	34.1	34.8	35.3	35.5	35.3	34.9	34.4
Durable Goods	21.5	21.4	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.7	21.9	21.8	22.1	22.1	22.3	22.1	21.7
Lumber & Wood Products	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3
Elec & Electronic Equipment	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.3	4.8
Transportation Equipment	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.9
Other Durable Goods	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.6	10.9	10.8	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.0	10.7
Nondurable Goods	12.1	12.0	12.1	12.4	12.5	12.7	12.2	13.0	13.2	13.4	13.0	12.8	12.7
Food & Kindred Products	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.1	4.0	4.1
Textile & Apparel	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5
Other Nondurable Goods	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29.4	29.4	29.6	29.7	29.7	28.9	29.0	28.3	29.6	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.3
Railroad Transportation	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Trucking & Warehousing	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.4
Other Transportation	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9
Communication	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.6	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.9	8.0
Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	9.7	9.7	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	106.1	105.2	106.5	107.8	109.7	111.8	112.6	113.2	113.2	112.5	113.9	115.9	110.9
Wholesale Trade	21.0	21.0	21.1	21.2	21.4	21.7	21.6	21.6	21.7	21.7	21.7	21.6	21.5
Durable Goods	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.5
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.0
Retail Trade	85.1	84.2	85.4	86.6	88.3	90.1	91.0	91.6	91.5	90.8	92.2	94.3	89.4
General Merchandise Stores	10.6	9.9	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.6	11.1	12.0	10.5
Food Stores	12.2	12.1	12.3	12.5	12.7	12.9	13.1	13.1	13.2	13.3	13.6	13.8	12.9
Auto Dlr's & Serv Stations	11.7	11.7	11.9	11.9	12.1	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1
Eating & Drinking Places	28.9	29.2	29.9	30.7	31.5	32.4	32.5	33.1	33.0	32.3	32.2	32.2	31.5
Other Retail Trade	21.7	21.3	21.5	21.6	22.0	22.3	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.5	23.2	24.2	22.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	22.2	22.3	22.5	23.0	23.1	23.5	23.7	23.8	23.7	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.1
Banking	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.1
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.9	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6
SERVICES	94.9	95.6	96.5	97.6	98.6	102.1	103.2	103.1	100.9	100.4	99.8	100.3	99.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.6	9.5	9.7	10.0	10.2	10.7	11.0	11.1	10.7	10.4	10.1	10.1	10.3
Personal Services	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0
Business Services	21.1	21.3	21.3	21.9	21.9	22.2	22.1	22.1	22.1	22.3	22.2	22.3	21.9
Health Services	24.4	24.4	24.5	24.8	25.0	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.4	25.4	25.3	25.4	25.1
Social Services	6.1	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.5
Membership Organizations	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.0	6.7	7.1	7.1	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.4
Other Services	24.0	24.4	24.6	24.3	24.8	25.3	25.7	25.8	26.0	25.6	25.7	26.2	25.2
GOVERNMENT	126.2	128.8	129.1	128.3	128.6	124.6	123.8	122.3	128.5	128.9	128.7	128.3	127.2
Federal	28.7	28.8	29.1	29.7	29.5	30.3	30.4	29.5	29.0	28.4	28.0	28.4	29.1
State	42.8	44.7	44.8	43.6	44.2	40.6	40.1	40.9	45.7	45.4	45.3	44.6	43.6
Local	54.7	55.3	55.2	55.0	54.9	53.7	53.3	51.9	53.8	55.1	55.4	55.3	54.5

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INDUSTRY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	469.4	469.2	476.9	474.0	475.5	475.2	473.6	474.3	477.9	475.8	473.3	473.6	473.6
MINING	30.8	30.3	29.5	28.7	27.3	26.7	25.2	23.9	23.1	23.3	23.3	23.4	26.3
Metal Mining	8.2	8.1	7.5	7.2	6.1	5.7	5.0	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.1	5.8
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying & Nonmetallic Mining	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	17.2	17.0	16.8	16.3	16.0	15.9	15.1	14.3	14.0	14.1	14.1	14.4	15.4
CONSTRUCTION	30.8	30.7	31.7	31.6	32.6	32.9	33.4	33.5	33.4	33.1	31.3	30.0	32.1
MANUFACTURING	33.6	33.6	33.6	33.7	33.8	34.0	34.1	34.5	34.8	35.1	34.9	34.2	34.1
Durable Goods	20.9	20.9	21.0	21.0	21.3	21.5	21.5	21.4	21.5	21.9	22.0	21.9	21.4
Lumber & Wood Products	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1
Elec & Electronic Equipment	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.4
Transportation Equipment	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.1
Other Durable Goods	11.1	11.0	11.1	10.9	11.1	11.1	10.9	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.6	10.9
Nondurable Goods	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	12.5	12.5	12.6	13.1	13.3	13.2	12.9	12.3	12.8
Food & Kindred Products	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.1	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.8	3.9
Textile & Apparel	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29.6	29.7	29.2	29.9	30.2	29.6	29.5	29.6	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.3	29.9
Railroad Transportation	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Trucking & Warehousing	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7
Other Transportation	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.8
Communication	7.6	7.6	7.6	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.0
Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	105.7	104.3	105.4	107.4	108.9	110.2	109.8	110.7	109.6	108.5	108.7	110.5	108.3
Wholesale Trade	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.8	22.7	22.9	22.4	22.1	21.9	21.8	21.5	21.3	22.2
Durable Goods	13.8	13.7	13.7	13.9	13.7	13.8	13.4	13.1	12.9	12.8	12.6	12.5	13.3
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.8	9.0
Retail Trade	83.2	81.8	82.9	84.6	86.2	87.3	87.4	88.6	87.7	86.7	87.2	89.2	86.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.2	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	10.8	11.1	12.0	10.8
Food Stores	12.0	11.9	12.0	12.3	12.5	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.6	12.4	12.6	12.9	12.4
Auto Dlr & Serv Stations	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.1	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.8
Eating & Drinking Places	27.5	27.4	28.0	29.0	29.9	30.5	30.6	31.4	31.0	30.1	29.7	29.6	29.5
Other Retail Trade	20.9	20.5	20.9	21.1	21.4	21.6	21.5	21.6	21.4	21.5	21.9	22.8	21.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.5	21.5	21.7	21.5	21.7	21.9	22.2	22.2	22.1	22.0	21.9	22.1	21.9
Banking	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.7
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.9	8.8
SERVICES	91.8	92.2	93.3	94.2	94.8	96.9	99.6	99.0	97.5	95.8	94.9	95.6	95.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.6	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.4	11.2	11.3	10.8	10.4	9.9	9.8	10.2
Personal Services	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.8
Business Services	20.6	20.7	20.6	21.2	21.0	21.1	21.0	21.1	21.2	21.3	21.1	21.3	21.0
Health Services	22.9	23.0	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.7	24.5	24.6	24.8	24.1	24.2	24.3	23.8
Social Services	6.4	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.6	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.6
Membership Organizations	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.7	6.1	5.9	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.8
Other Services	23.3	23.4	23.7	23.8	24.4	24.6	25.0	24.6	24.7	24.1	23.9	24.3	24.2
GOVERNMENT	125.6	126.9	126.5	127.0	126.2	123.0	119.8	120.9	127.2	127.8	128.1	127.5	125.6
Federal	28.8	28.6	28.7	29.0	29.5	29.8	30.1	29.9	29.4	28.9	28.8	28.8	29.2
State	44.1	45.1	44.6	44.5	43.3	40.0	39.1	39.8	44.8	44.4	44.4	43.6	43.1
Local	52.7	53.2	53.2	53.5	53.4	53.2	50.6	51.2	53.0	54.5	54.9	55.1	53.2

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INDUSTRY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	190.7	192.5	193.8	195.7	198.0	198.6	200.9	200.0	203.6	202.5	202.5	203.1	198.5
CONSTRUCTION	11.7	11.8	12.2	12.7	13.5	14.3	14.4	14.6	14.4	14.3	13.9	13.7	13.5
MANUFACTURING	18.1	18.2	18.0	18.1	18.4	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.8	19.0	19.0	19.1	18.6
Durable Goods	12.8	12.9	12.7	12.7	12.9	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.2	13.4	13.5	13.5	13.1
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12.0	12.0	11.9	12.0	12.1	11.8	11.9	11.3	12.3	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.0
Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.2
Communication	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.9	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	47.5	47.4	47.7	48.6	49.3	50.0	50.1	50.6	51.1	50.8	51.3	52.1	49.6
Wholesale Trade	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.0	13.0	12.9
Durable Goods	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3
Nondurable Goods	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6
Retail Trade	34.8	34.7	35.0	35.8	36.3	36.9	37.0	37.5	38.0	37.7	38.3	39.1	36.7
General Merchandise Stores	4.0	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.2	4.5	3.9
Food Stores	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.0
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Eating & Drinking Places	12.7	13.0	13.3	13.9	14.1	14.3	14.2	14.6	14.9	14.7	14.5	14.5	14.0
Other Retail Trade	10.2	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.6	11.1	11.5	10.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	11.1	11.2	11.4	11.5	11.7	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.7
Banking	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.3
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	47.7	48.5	49.1	49.6	49.8	50.5	50.7	50.7	50.6	50.7	50.6	50.8	49.9
Hotel & Other Lodging Places	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0
Health Services	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.8	11.9	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.0	12.0	12.1	12.1	11.9
Social Services	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6
Membership Organizations	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6
Other Services & Mining	29.5	29.9	30.1	30.5	30.5	30.9	31.1	31.2	31.5	31.6	31.5	31.7	30.8
GOVERNMENT	42.6	43.4	43.5	43.2	43.2	41.6	43.3	42.3	44.4	43.5	43.6	43.3	43.2
Federal	12.4	12.7	12.8	12.6	12.5	12.7	12.7	12.5	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.5
State	11.4	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.8	10.2	9.9	11.1	13.2	12.1	12.1	11.9	11.6
Local	18.8	18.9	18.8	18.7	18.9	18.7	20.7	18.7	18.9	19.2	19.3	19.2	19.1

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INDUSTRY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	184.9	185.5	186.7	188.5	189.8	189.7	190.2	190.9	194.0	193.9	193.3	194.3	190.1
CONSTRUCTION	10.4	10.7	11.1	11.1	11.5	11.8	12.7	12.5	12.6	13.0	12.5	12.4	11.9
MANUFACTURING	17.6	17.4	17.5	17.5	17.7	18.0	18.1	18.1	18.4	18.7	18.7	18.5	18.0
Durable Goods	12.3	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.6	12.8	12.9	12.8	13.1	13.2	13.3	13.1	12.7
Nondurable Goods	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	11.8	11.8	11.6	12.0	12.2	11.9	11.8	11.8	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.0
Transportation	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.2
Communication	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	47.2	46.5	46.8	47.4	48.0	48.2	48.2	48.4	48.5	48.0	48.2	49.3	47.9
Wholesale Trade	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.3	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.0	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.8	13.1
Durable Goods	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.6
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5
Retail Trade	34.0	33.4	33.7	34.1	34.8	35.0	35.0	35.4	35.5	35.1	35.4	36.5	34.8
General Merchandise Stores	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.2
Food Stores	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.8
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Eating & Drinking Places	11.9	11.9	12.1	12.4	12.8	12.9	12.9	13.2	13.3	13.0	12.8	12.9	12.7
Other Retail Trade	9.8	9.5	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.3	10.8	9.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	10.7	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.8	11.0	11.1	11.2	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.0
Banking	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.8
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	45.7	46.1	46.5	47.1	47.3	47.5	47.5	47.7	47.7	47.9	47.7	47.7	47.2
Hotel & Other Lodging Places	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8
Health Services	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.2	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.2
Social Services	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6
Membership Organizations	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7
Other Services & Mining	28.3	28.5	28.7	29.2	29.2	29.1	28.9	28.9	29.1	29.2	29.2	29.3	29.0
GOVERNMENT	41.5	42.3	42.4	42.6	42.3	41.3	40.8	41.2	43.3	42.8	42.7	42.8	42.1
Federal	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.2	12.3
State	11.5	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	10.3	10.0	10.5	13.1	11.9	11.9	11.6	11.5
Local	17.9	18.2	18.1	18.4	18.2	18.6	18.3	18.2	18.0	18.7	18.7	19.0	18.3

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TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	32,775	32,900	33,225	32,475	33,150	32,825	32,000	32,650	33,975	34,900	34,175	34,750	33,325
CONSTRUCTION	1,825	2,025	2,150	2,125	2,275	2,575	2,525	2,525	2,425	2,325	2,225	2,225	2,275
MANUFACTURING	3,025	3,000	3,050	3,225	3,275	3,200	3,200	3,750	3,750	3,700	3,325	3,200	3,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,375	1,350	1,375	1,350	1,325	1,200	1,225	1,200	1,350	1,375	1,350	1,400	1,325
Transportation	600	600	600	575	550	400	425	425	575	600	600	650	550
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	775	750	775	775	775	800	800	775	775	775	750	750	775
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,125	6,000	6,075	5,975	6,050	6,225	6,400	6,375	6,400	6,475	6,600	6,775	6,300
Wholesale Trade	725	700	700	750	750	775	750	750	725	750	750	750	750
Retail Trade	5,400	5,300	5,375	5,225	5,300	5,450	5,650	5,625	5,675	5,725	5,850	6,025	5,550
General Merchandise Stores	750	725	725	700	675	700	750	775	775	775	800	875	750
Food Stores	775	750	775	750	750	750	750	650	650	675	675	700	725
Auto Dlr & Serv Stations	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	725	750	775	775	750
Eating & Drinking Places	2,000	1,950	1,975	1,850	1,925	2,050	2,100	2,175	2,275	2,250	2,300	2,350	2,100
Other Retail Trade	1,125	1,125	1,150	1,175	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,275	1,250	1,275	1,300	1,325	1,225
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,225	1,200	1,225	1,250	1,275	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,325	1,300	1,300	1,325	1,275
SERVICES & MINING	4,350	4,325	4,375	4,450	4,225	4,325	4,325	4,475	4,350	4,675	4,600	4,625	4,425
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	600	575	600	600	575	600	575	575	525	525	575
Business Services	675	675	675	675	675	700	675	700	675	650	675	700	675
Health Services	875	875	875	900	925	975	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,050	1,050	1,050	975
Social Services	300	300	300	325	325	325	350	350	325	325	300	300	325
Other Services & Mining	1,900	1,875	1,925	1,975	1,700	1,725	1,725	1,825	1,775	2,075	2,050	2,050	1,875
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14,850	15,000	14,975	14,100	14,725	14,000	13,025	13,025	14,375	15,050	14,775	15,200	14,425
Total Federal Government	4,525	4,450	4,350	4,475	4,250	4,550	4,575	4,425	4,250	4,400	4,025	4,400	4,375
Total State Government	5,625	5,775	5,825	4,825	5,675	4,775	4,500	4,500	5,575	5,950	5,950	6,000	5,425
Total Local Government	4,700	4,775	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,675	3,950	4,100	4,550	4,700	4,800	4,800	4,625

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY)
ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT
1972 Standard Industrial Classification
January 1982--December 1982--In Thousands--Revised February 1984

INDUSTRY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
<u>TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>31,275</u>	<u>31,175</u>	<u>31,650</u>	<u>31,825</u>	<u>31,500</u>	<u>30,425</u>	<u>30,025</u>	<u>30,325</u>	<u>31,475</u>	<u>32,775</u>	<u>32,525</u>	<u>32,825</u>	<u>31,450</u>
CONSTRUCTION	1,575	1,625	1,600	1,525	1,625	1,625	1,725	1,850	1,900	1,925	1,850	1,875	1,725
MANUFACTURING	2,850	2,825	2,825	2,975	2,925	2,875	3,025	3,050	3,250	3,150	3,075	2,925	2,975
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,275	1,250	1,300	1,300	1,325	1,200	1,200	1,175	1,300	1,375	1,375	1,475	1,300
Transportation	625	600	625	625	625	500	475	450	575	575	575	675	575
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Services	650	650	675	675	700	700	725	725	725	800	800	800	725
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,875	5,850	5,950	5,900	5,900	5,750	5,850	6,050	6,000	6,125	6,025	6,275	5,950
Wholesale Trade	850	850	825	800	800	850	825	900	850	900	775	775	825
Retail Trade	5,025	5,000	5,125	5,100	5,100	4,900	5,025	5,150	5,150	5,225	5,250	5,500	5,125
General Merchandise Stores	900	875	875	800	750	725	775	775	750	750	750	850	800
Food Stores	625	625	675	750	725	725	700	675	700	700	700	825	700
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	750	750	750	725	725	725	750	775	725	750	750	775	750
Eating & Drinking Places	1,725	1,750	1,800	1,825	1,875	1,750	1,800	1,875	1,950	1,950	1,950	1,900	1,850
Other Retail Trade	1,025	1,000	1,025	1,000	1,025	975	1,000	1,050	1,025	1,075	1,100	1,150	1,025
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,275	1,225	1,225	1,200	1,175	1,200	1,225
SERVICES & MINING	4,250	4,175	4,275	4,400	4,150	4,125	4,075	4,175	4,000	4,350	4,275	4,325	4,225
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	650	625	625	600	575	625
Business Services	800	725	750	700	725	725	700	800	675	700	675	675	725
Health Services	750	750	775	825	825	825	825	825	850	825	850	875	825
Social Services	275	275	300	300	300	300	325	350	325	325	300	300	300
Other Services & Mining	1,800	1,800	1,825	1,950	1,675	1,650	1,600	1,550	1,525	1,875	1,850	1,900	1,750
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14,200	14,200	14,450	14,475	14,325	13,600	12,875	12,800	13,800	14,650	14,750	14,750	14,050
Total Federal Government	4,500	4,325	4,350	4,300	4,375	4,400	4,475	4,375	4,175	4,300	4,325	4,375	4,350
Total State Government	5,300	5,350	5,525	5,500	5,350	4,600	4,325	4,250	5,125	5,725	5,750	5,725	5,200
Total Local Government	4,400	4,525	4,575	4,675	4,600	4,600	4,075	4,175	4,500	4,625	4,675	4,650	4,500

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HIGHLIGHTS

Improvement was again evident in the most recent month's labor force statistics for New Mexico. February 1984 estimates indicated that 7,000 more New Mexicans were employed than in January, while the number of unemployed fell by 1,800 over the month. The state's unemployment rate stood at 8.8% in February, the lowest since April 1982 when the initial effects of the recent recession were being felt. The nation's jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) this February was 8.4%, compared with 8.8% in January and 11.3% one year ago.

Industry payroll estimates for February displayed the large employment changes in government, services and trade which are normal for this time of year. Not expected, however, was the surprisingly strong employment gain shown by the construction industry. Government employment

increased by 2,700 jobs during the month, largely the result of schools returning to full schedules after holiday and semester breaks. The additional jobs in services were mostly in the private education, health, and business subsectors. In the loss column during the month was trade, which fell by 600 as retail firms laid off workers hired to accommodate Christmas and post-holiday business. The highlight of the February employment estimates was the healthy 700 job advance recorded by construction. This latest increase moved the building industry ahead by 3,000 jobs compared with the employment level of one year ago.

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FEBRUARY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Feb. 1984	Revised Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Change From Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	604,800	599,600	595,500	+5,200	+9,300
Employment	551,800	544,800	527,100	+7,000	+24,700
Unemployment	53,000	54,800	68,400	-1,800	-15,400
Rate	8.8%	9.1%	11.5%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim FEB 1984	Revised JAN 1984	Revised FEB 1983	FEB JAN 1984	Change From FEB 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}	483,100	479,400	465,100	+3,700	+18,000
MINING	21,100	21,100	21,500	0	- 400
Metal Mining	4,100	4,100	3,700	0	+ 400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,000	4,100	4,600	- 100	- 600
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,000	12,900	13,200	+ 100	- 200
CONSTRUCTION	31,900	31,200	28,900	+ 700	+ 3,000
MANUFACTURING	34,100	34,300	33,400	- 200	+ 700
Durable Goods	21,400	21,600	21,400	- 200	0
Lumber and Wood Products	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	5,300	5,300	4,600	0	+ 700
Transportation Equipment	3,300	3,300	4,500	0	- 1,200
Other Durable Goods	10,600	10,800	10,200	- 200	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	12,700	12,700	12,000	0	+ 700
Food and Kindred Products	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	+ 200
Textiles and Apparel	2,800	2,800	2,500	0	+ 300
Other Nondurable Goods	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,700	28,600	29,400	+ 100	- 700
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	5,200	5,200	5,300	0	- 100
Other Transportation	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0
Communication	7,600	7,600	8,000	0	- 400
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,500	9,400	9,700	+ 100	- 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	112,000	112,700	105,200	- 700	+ 6,800
Wholesale Trade	21,400	21,400	21,000	0	+ 400
Durable Goods	12,500	12,500	12,300	0	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	8,900	8,900	8,700	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	90,600	91,300	84,200	- 700	+ 6,400
General Merchandise Stores	10,400	10,900	9,900	- 500	+ 500
Food Stores	13,600	13,700	12,100	- 100	+ 1,500
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	12,100	12,000	11,700	+ 100	+ 400
Eating and Drinking Places	32,000	31,700	29,200	+ 300	+ 2,800
Other Retail Trade	22,500	23,000	21,300	- 500	+ 1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,600	23,600	22,300	0	+ 1,300
Banking	8,400	8,400	7,800	0	+ 600
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,800	9,800	9,100	0	+ 700
SERVICES	100,800	99,800	95,600	+1,000	+ 5,200
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,000	10,100	9,500	- 100	+ 500
Personal Services	5,200	5,100	5,100	+ 100	+ 100
Business Services	22,300	22,100	21,300	+ 200	+ 1,000
Health Services	25,400	25,300	24,400	+ 100	+ 1,000
Social Services	6,400	6,300	6,400	+ 100	0
Membership Organizations	5,100	5,000	4,500	+ 100	+ 600
Other Services	26,400	25,900	24,400	+ 500	+ 2,000
GOVERNMENT	130,900	128,100	128,800	+2,800	+ 2,100
Federal	28,900	28,700	28,800	+ 200	+ 100
State ^{2/}	45,900	44,200	44,700	+1,700	+ 1,200
Local	56,100	55,200	55,300	+ 900	+ 800

^{1/} Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

^{2/} Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate declined by eight-tenths of one percent over the month, falling from 8.0% in January to 7.2% in February. Employment increased by 4,200, and the number of persons seeking work declined by 1,700 in February.

Seasonal changes dominated the February nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates. Large employment increases occurred in services and government, while a sizeable decrease was posted in the trade industry. The decline in trade was concentrated in the retail sector, as businesses laid off seasonal workers hired for holiday and after - Christmas buying. Most of the increase in government was due to the return to work of hourly

educational workers after semester breaks. In services, the largest job gains were in the health and private education areas.

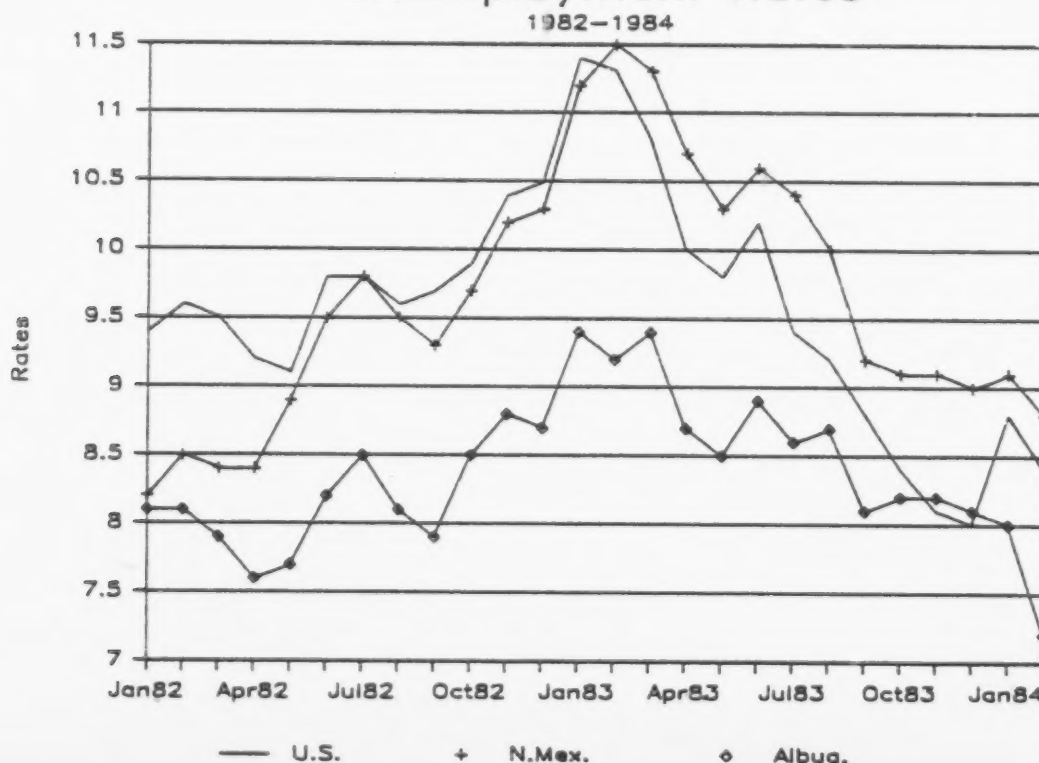
Over the last 12 months, total nonagricultural employment in the Albuquerque area has grown by 10,100. The largest increases have come in services (health and misc. services) and trade (food stores, eating & drinking places, and home furnishings & equipment) industries. Only one major sector - transportation, communications & public utilities - has lost jobs since last February, and that was largely due to the divestiture of American Telephone and Telegraph. The divestiture resulted in both actual employment reductions and changes in industry category.

FEBRUARY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Feb. 1984	Revised Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983	Change From Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	232,600	230,100	225,300	+2,500	+7,300
Employment	215,800	211,600	204,600	+4,200	+11,200
Unemployment	16,800	18,500	20,700	-1,700	-3,900
Rate	7.2%	8.0%	9.2%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

Unemployment Rates



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim FEB 1984	Revised JAN 1984	Revised FEB 1983	FEB Change From	
				JAN 1984	FEB 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}	202,600	201,400	192,500	+1,200	+10,100
CONSTRUCTION	13,300	13,200	11,800	+ 100	+ 1,500
MANUFACTURING	18,700	18,800	18,200	- 100	+ 500
Durable Goods	13,100	13,200	12,900	- 100	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,300	0	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,700	11,900	12,000	- 200	- 300
Transportation	5,200	5,300	5,200	- 100	0
Communication	4,100	4,200	4,400	- 100	- 300
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	50,000	50,500	47,400	- 500	+ 2,600
Wholesale Trade	12,900	12,900	12,700	0	+ 200
Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,200	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	37,100	37,600	34,700	- 500	+ 2,400
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	4,100	3,800	- 200	+ 100
Food Stores	4,200	4,200	3,700	0	+ 500
Auto Oils and Service Stations	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	14,100	14,200	13,000	- 100	+ 1,100
Other Retail Trade	10,600	10,800	10,000	- 200	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,000	12,000	11,200	0	+ 800
Banking	3,200	3,100	3,000	+ 100	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,200	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,400	5,500	5,000	- 100	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	51,700	51,100	48,500	+ 600	+ 3,200
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	+ 200
Health Services	12,400	12,200	11,500	+ 200	+ 900
Social Services	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	- 200
Membership Organizations	1,500	1,400	1,600	+ 100	- 100
Other Services and Mining	32,300	32,000	29,900	+ 300	+ 2,400
GOVERNMENT	45,200	43,900	43,400	+1,300	+ 1,800
Federal	13,000	12,700	12,700	+ 300	+ 300
State	12,700	12,000	11,800	+ 700	+ 900
Local	19,500	19,200	18,900	+ 300	+ 600

^{1/} Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim FEB 1984	Revised JAN 1984	Revised FEB 1983	FEB Change From JAN 1984	FEB 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	34,700	34,375	32,900	+325	+1,800
CONSTRUCTION	2,300	2,200	2,025	+100	+ 275
MANUFACTURING	3,200	3,175	3,000	+ 25	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,300	1,300	1,350	0	- 50
Transportation	600	600	600	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	700	700	750	0	- 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,825	6,700	6,000	+125	+ 825
Wholesale Trade	725	750	700	- 25	+ 25
Retail Trade	6,100	5,950	5,300	+150	+ 800
General Merchandise Stores	750	800	725	- 50	+ 25
Food Stores	875	675	750	+200	+ 125
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	825	800	750	+ 25	+ 75
Eating & Drinking Places	2,375	2,400	1,950	- 25	+ 425
Other Retail Trade	1,275	1,275	1,125	0	+ 150
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,325	1,325	1,200	0	+ 125
SERVICES & MINING	4,575	4,575	4,325	0	+ 250
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	525	525	600	0	- 75
Business Services	700	700	675	0	+ 25
Health Services	1,050	1,050	875	0	+ 175
Social Services	300	300	300	0	0
Other Services & Mining	2,000	2,000	1,875	0	+ 125
GOVERNMENT	15,175	15,100	15,000	+ 75	+ 175
Federal	4,350	4,350	4,450	0	- 100
State	6,025	6,000	5,775	+ 25	+ 250
Local	4,800	4,750	4,775	+ 50	+ 25

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB 1984	JAN 1984	FEB 1983	FEB 1984	JAN 1984	FEB 1983	FEB 1984	JAN 1984	FEB 1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$481.93	\$497.83	\$480.82	43.3	43.9	43.2	\$11.13	\$11.34	\$11.13
CONSTRUCTION	374.52	383.40	381.99	35.1	35.5	35.7	10.67	10.80	10.70
MANUFACTURING	307.72	298.34	293.53	39.3	38.2	40.1	7.83	7.81	7.32
Durable Goods	323.20	305.00	309.97	40.0	37.5	40.1	8.08	8.16	7.73
Nondurable Gds	276.29	283.38	258.06	37.9	39.8	37.4	7.29	7.12	6.90
COMM and UTIL	417.38	433.68	387.65	40.8	41.5	39.8	10.23	10.45	9.74
TRADE *	254.66	259.16	234.55	34.6	34.1	34.8	7.36	7.60	6.74
BANKING	199.66	210.36	195.43	37.6	39.1	37.8	5.31	5.38	5.17
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	\$300.66	\$283.42	\$285.67	39.2	37.0	38.5	\$ 7.67	\$ 7.66	\$ 7.42

* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Intel Corporation has announced it will begin construction this year on a new \$300 million, 650,000-square foot plant in Rio Rancho. The new plant will be adjacent to Intel's current manufacturing facility. The new semiconductor wafer-manufacturing plant will employ about 1,200 people, and the hiring will be over a two-to-three year period beginning in the second or third quarter of 1985. Because of the high demand for microchips, Intel also plans to increase employment at its existing plant from 500 to approximately 900 by the end of this year. Sperry Flight Systems Defense Division in Albuquerque is expected to add up to 500 workers to its present work force of 1,400 by the end of this year. The increase in due to the awarding of contracts to build parts for the Air Force B1-B fighter bomber. Construction is expected to begin within a month on a new plant near Montano N.E. and Interstate 25 for Plastech Research Inc. Plastech manufactures injection-molded plastic parts. With the new plant, the company could double its employment to about 200 workers. Albuquerque has received a \$2.3 million federal grant to continue improvements at the Albuquerque International Airport. The money, matched by \$400,000 in city funds, will be used to remove hangers, for ramp reconstruction, and improvements to the runway. Dinerstein Interest, a Houston-based developer, broke ground on March 7 to build a 210 unit, \$5.4 million apartment complex. The complex, located in the Alvarado redevelopment area on Lead Avenue, should be completed by the end of the year. A \$750,000 motel restaurant complex opened in March at Candelaria Blvd and Interstate 25. Motel A-1, a 40-room budget motel, opened simultaneously with the Waffle House restaurant. The Waffle House, a chain of 24 hour restaurants, plans to build several more eateries in Albuquerque. The Native American Arts Foundation Inc. has unveiled plans for a \$10 million national Indian cultural complex to be built in Albuquerque. The opening of the envisioned 100,000 square-foot structure is aimed for New

Mexico's 75th anniversary-of-statehood celebration in 1987. Construction of Bueno Food's new plant in the Barelas Industrial Park is scheduled for completion in June. About 175 persons will be employed at the 50,000-square-foot plant. Expansion work currently underway at Winrock Center will result in a two-level mall between the existing Dillards and Montgomery Wards department stores in the center. The project is expected to increase the number of stores at the center from 101 to 120 when completed this August. Rose's Southwest Papers Inc. proposes to build a 20,000 square-foot plant in the Albuquerque South Valley for the production of paper towels and toilet tissue. The plant would employ about 20 people initially, with projected growth to about 100 employees.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Construction has started on the 52,000-square-foot Alamo Home Center in Alamogordo. The home and garden supply facility is scheduled to open in June. A 60-unit Super 8 Motel will be built in Alamogordo.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Members of the Carlsbad area electrical workers union, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 643, have voted to freeze wages for contract work for up to two years in order to give union members a better opportunity to compete for contracts. The wage-freeze was primarily targeted at the large federal contracts bid out at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad. The Department of Energy is moving its Albuquerque project office for WIPP to Carlsbad; and Westinghouse Corporation, the technical support contractor for WIPP, is also transferring personnel to Carlsbad. Approximately 25 DOE employees will be transferred, while Westinghouse is sending about 50 employees to the Carlsbad office. In addition, a number of employees are expected to be hired locally, according to the DOE Project Manager. The WIPP project is now scheduled for completion in late 1986.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) has started work on the Eastern Interconnection Project, a 216-mile transmission line which will run from Clovis to PNM's station north of Albuquerque. Peak construction on the project is expected to be in June and July, when approximately 250 workers will be involved. The line should be completed by the end of this year.

DEMING AREA: Two wine-producing enterprises are busy establishing wineries in the Deming area. Uvas Corporation is expected to have its winery completed by this spring, followed by the first harvest of its 1,000 acres of grape vines in August. Luna County Wine Development Corporation's winery is scheduled for completion late this summer, and the first harvest of its grapes is targeted for August 1985. Employment projections by the two firms are approximately 100 workers each when in full operation. Approximately \$7 million has been allocated by the State Highway Department to improve the road which parallels the Mexican border between Columbus and Santa Teresa.

ESPANOLA AREA: About \$14 million was authorized last year by Congress to construct three dams on the Rio Grande river near Espanola. Engineering work by the Bureau of Reclamation is now underway and bids for dam construction could be let this spring. Imperial Construction Company is building a \$1.6 million, 120-bed nursing home in Espanola. McReynolds Construction Company has been awarded a \$79,000 contract to pave five streets in Espanola, and Consolidated Contractors Inc. has received a \$384,000 contract to pave streets in Ranchitos. Ojo Caliente School District voters have approved a \$350,000 bond issue to build a multi-purpose cafeteria at Mesa Vista High School.

FARMINGTON AREA: Building permits issued by the city of Farmington at the end of February continued to keep pace with last year's year-to-date totals, but the value of construction lagged by more than half. A \$1-million addition to the San Juan County jail has been approved by the County

Commission. The State Racing Commission has voted to grant a license to San Juan County that will allow 24 dates of pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing at McGee Park in Farmington beginning April 6. Pari-mutuel wagering at the new San Juan Downs is estimated to create about 160 full-time jobs, increase total income in San Juan County by about \$2.65 million yearly, increase tax receipts in the county by a minimum of \$120,000 yearly, and provide about \$102,000 in additional state revenues annually.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: The Gallup Indian Medical Center is carrying out a \$1.6 million renovation project. Work on the project began in November and completion is expected in September. The new Santa Fe Coal Mine near Grants is expected to start production about July 1st. Mine officials anticipate having about 100 employees working at the facility by the end of this year.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Commonwealth Theatres has announced construction of a new three-screen movie theatre in Hobbs. The \$800,000 facility should be open for business by the end of the year. Area oilwell drilling activity remains somewhat higher than last year. The most recent figures show 35 drilling rigs in operation, which is approximately 25 percent higher than the comparable period in 1983.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Work recently started on a \$3.8 million condominium housing development on Walnut Street and Entrada de Sol in Las Cruces. The condominium project will contain 96 units and should be completed by October. Albuquerque developer Jack Pickel has been given approval to subdivide and build homes on an 1,920-acre tract east of Las Cruces over the next 11 years. The Las Cruces Health Center, a \$1.6 million nursing facility to be operated by Americare Southwest Incorporated, is slated for completion in May. Work is underway on a \$3 million shopping center in Truth or Consequences. Major tenants of the Lakeway Shopping Center will be Safeway, Revco Discount Drug, and Sprouse Reitz

Variety stores.

LAS VEGAS AREA: The Montana de Fibra (MDF) fiberboard plant is scheduled to go into operation in late April and employ about 200 people. The DB Western Resin Plant, located near the MDF plant, is scheduled to go into operation about the same time as MDF. DB Western Resin will employ about 50 people and sell its products to MDF. PD Forest Products has started production. The company produces lumber and firewood and by this summer - modular homes. PD Forest Products will sell its sawmill waste products to MDF.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: F & P Construction Company has received a \$117,000 contract to install approximately 7,000 feet of fencing for the Department of Energy in Los Alamos. Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) structure ceramic's program was awarded a contract totaling about \$2 million by the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency. The LANL contract is to continue research into single-crystal, silicon carbide "whiskers".

RATON AREA: Liberty Federal Savings of Raton has announced plans to develop a \$10 to \$12 million shopping mall in south Raton. The mall is still in the architectural planning stages.

SANTA FE AREA: The Santa Fe City Council has approved a plan to convert the Berardinelli building into the new Santa Fe Public Library, at a cost of \$3.9 million. The renovation and construction work is expected to begin next January. Tierra Engineering Consultants Inc. has been awarded a \$76,118 contract to design road improvements for Santa Fe County spanning the next two years. As many as 16 different county roads could be upgraded with about \$705,000 that has been budgeted for the projects. La Casa Sena, a new restaurant and bar, opened in March in Sena Plaza. La Casa Sena and its cantina employ about 65 people and seat about 175 in its dining rooms.

SILVER CITY AREA: The expansion projects at Grant County's two largest copper mines should be completed later this year, according

to company spokesmen. Stearns-Rogers is the prime contractor for Chino Mine's smelter modification. The Chino project began in December 1982 and is expected to be completed this October. Brown and Root is the prime contractor for the expansion project at the Tyrone Branch of Phelps Dodge Corporation. At Tyrone, work should be completed on a new solvent extraction electrowinning plant by May.

TAOS AREA: The Vietnam Veterans National Memorial near Valverde will receive a new underground visitor's center. Construction of the 5,000-square-foot center is expected to begin in June. Figures released by the Economic Development and Tourism Department show that tourists spent \$37 million in Taos in 1982, and 1,153 people were employed there in the travel industry. The ending of the ski season and closing of the ski areas in April will result in the loss of over 500 seasonal jobs in the ski industry and related retail and service business.

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 1984 1/				REVISED JANUARY 1984 1/				REVISED FEBRUARY 1983 1/			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	604,855	551,828	53,027	8.8%	599,655	544,829	54,826	9.1%	595,462	527,103	68,359	11.5%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	232,639	215,836	16,803	7.2%	230,046	211,568	18,478	8.0%	225,298	204,593	20,705	9.2%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	42,151	38,739	3,412	8.1%	41,266	37,800	3,466	8.4%	40,072	35,951	4,121	10.3%
Catron	885	687	198	22.4%	840	662	178	21.2%	957	679	278	29.0%
Chaves	23,926	22,305	1,621	6.8%	23,515	21,908	1,607	6.8%	23,579	21,821	1,758	7.5%
Cibola	11,375	9,665	1,710	15.0%	11,310	9,511	1,799	15.9%	12,105	9,047	3,058	25.3%
Colfax	6,782	5,848	934	13.8%	6,751	5,788	963	14.3%	6,701	5,503	1,198	17.9%
Curry	14,864	13,762	1,102	7.4%	14,917	13,718	1,199	8.0%	15,013	13,488	1,525	10.2%
De Baca	979	903	76	7.8%	978	898	80	8.2%	957	878	79	8.3%
Eddy	23,339	20,769	2,570	11.0%	23,231	20,687	2,544	11.0%	24,284	21,019	3,265	13.4%
Grant	9,664	8,306	1,358	14.1%	9,509	8,146	1,363	14.3%	10,630	7,343	3,287	30.9%
Guadalupe	1,309	1,168	141	10.8%	1,441	1,312	129	9.0%	1,328	1,242	86	6.5%
Harding	569	538	31	5.4%	543	527	16	2.9%	473	458	15	3.2%
Hidalgo	2,291	2,161	130	5.7%	2,294	2,147	147	6.4%	2,539	2,171	368	14.5%
Lea	31,604	29,939	1,665	5.3%	31,522	29,873	1,649	5.2%	32,464	30,008	2,456	7.6%
Lincoln	7,363	6,930	433	5.9%	7,305	6,917	388	5.3%	6,885	6,519	366	5.3%
Los Alamos	10,898	10,721	177	1.6%	10,820	10,581	239	2.2%	10,512	10,260	252	2.4%
Luna	4,860	4,216	644	13.3%	4,865	4,217	648	13.3%	4,967	4,226	741	14.9%
McKinley	17,481	15,587	1,894	10.8%	17,342	15,422	1,920	11.1%	18,082	15,008	3,074	17.0%
Mora	1,131	696	435	38.5%	1,116	690	426	38.2%	1,182	681	501	42.4%
Otero	14,549	13,303	1,246	8.6%	14,517	13,250	1,267	8.7%	14,703	13,205	1,498	10.2%
Quay	5,055	4,534	521	10.3%	5,277	4,795	482	9.1%	4,982	4,302	680	13.6%
Rio Arriba	12,250	9,591	2,659	21.7%	11,927	9,280	2,647	22.2%	12,041	8,937	3,104	25.8%
Roosevelt	7,565	7,175	390	5.2%	7,441	7,039	402	5.4%	7,663	7,127	536	7.0%
San Juan	36,820	31,597	5,223	14.2%	36,890	31,906	4,984	13.5%	36,613	30,292	6,321	17.3%
San Miguel	8,457	7,256	1,201	14.2%	8,344	7,123	1,221	14.6%	8,826	7,396	1,430	16.2%
Santa Fe	41,641	39,145	2,496	6.0%	41,427	38,840	2,587	6.2%	39,555	36,427	3,128	7.9%
Sierra	2,393	2,287	106	4.4%	2,428	2,292	136	5.6%	2,390	2,183	207	8.7%
Socorro	4,882	4,456	426	8.7%	4,649	4,226	423	9.1%	4,937	4,344	593	12.0%
Taos	11,397	9,469	1,928	16.9%	11,503	9,581	1,922	16.7%	10,903	8,869	2,034	18.7%
Torrance	2,201	2,004	197	9.0%	2,224	2,014	210	9.4%	2,129	1,985	144	6.8%
Union	2,628	2,471	157	6.0%	2,654	2,502	152	5.7%	2,185	2,002	183	8.4%
Valencia	10,907	9,764	1,143	10.5%	10,763	9,609	1,154	10.7%	10,507	9,139	1,368	13.0%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

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NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Preliminary estimates indicated that New Mexico's labor force continued to strengthen during March. A total of 560,700 persons were employed during the month, an increase of 7,100 from February. This latest employment gain, coupled with a 3,800 decrease in unemployment, dropped New Mexico's unemployment rate over the month from 8.8 percent to 8.1 percent. There were 18,400 fewer New Mexican's out of work this March than one year ago, and the state's jobless rate has fallen by over three percentage points since the worst of the recession early last year. The nation's unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) in March was also 8.1 percent, down from 8.4 percent in February.

Employment increased in most major industries in the state, following the usual

seasonal pattern for March. Much of the additional jobs were in areas such as construction, lodging places, restaurants, and in federal government. Electronic equipment manufacturing posted another employment increase during the month as electronics firms, largely in the Albuquerque area, continued to add workers. March estimates showed electronic equipment manufacturing with 800 more jobs than one year ago. Other manufacturing subsectors which have grown over the last 12 months include lumber; building materials; and apparel. Transportation equipment continued to post a major employment loss over the year (-900 jobs), largely the result of last year's layoffs at several large employers, including General Electric in Albuquerque and Transportation Equipment Corporation in Roswell.

MARCH SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Mar. 1984	Revised Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Change From Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	610,300	607,000	600,200	+3,300	+10,100
Employment	560,700	553,600	532,200	+7,100	+28,500
Unemployment	49,600	53,400	68,000	-3,800	-18,400
Rate	8.1%	8.8%	11.3%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAR 1984	Revised FEB 1984	Revised MAR 1983	MAR FEB 1984	Change From MAR 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}	487,900	485,100	468,700	+2,800	+19,200
MINING	21,300	21,300	20,800	0	+ 500
Metal Mining	4,100	4,100	3,700	0	+ 400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,100	4,100	4,400	0	- 300
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,100	13,100	12,700	0	+ 400
CONSTRUCTION	32,600	32,200	30,400	+ 400	+ 2,200
MANUFACTURING	34,500	34,500	33,300	0	+ 1,200
Durable Goods	22,000	21,900	21,200	+ 100	+ 300
Lumber and Wood Products	2,300	2,300	2,000	0	+ 300
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	5,500	5,400	4,700	+ 100	+ 800
Transportation Equipment	3,400	3,400	4,300	0	- 900
Other Durable Goods	10,800	10,800	10,200	0	+ 600
Nondurable Goods	12,500	12,600	12,100	- 100	+ 400
Food and Kindred Products	3,800	3,900	3,700	- 100	+ 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,700	2,700	2,500	0	+ 200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,100	29,000	29,600	+ 100	- 500
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	5,400	5,300	5,300	+ 100	+ 100
Other Transportation	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	+ 100
Communication	7,600	7,600	8,000	0	- 400
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,600	9,900	0	- 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	112,700	112,000	106,500	+ 700	+ 6,200
Wholesale Trade	21,400	21,300	21,100	+ 100	+ 300
Durable Goods	12,500	12,400	12,300	+ 100	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	8,900	8,900	8,800	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	91,300	90,700	85,400	+ 600	+ 5,900
General Merchandise Stores	10,400	10,400	9,800	0	+ 600
Food Stores	13,600	13,600	12,300	0	+ 1,300
Auto Dlr's and Service Stations	12,400	12,200	11,900	+ 200	+ 500
Eating and Drinking Places	32,300	31,900	29,900	+ 400	+ 2,400
Other Retail Trade	22,600	22,600	21,500	0	+ 1,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,700	23,600	22,500	+ 100	+ 1,200
Banking	8,300	8,400	7,900	- 100	+ 400
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,400	5,400	+ 100	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,900	9,800	9,200	+ 100	+ 700
SERVICES	102,200	101,100	96,500	+1,100	+ 5,700
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,400	10,000	9,700	+ 400	+ 700
Personal Services	5,200	5,200	5,200	0	0
Business Services	22,500	22,500	21,300	0	+ 1,200
Health Services	25,600	25,400	24,500	+ 200	+ 1,100
Social Services	6,600	6,400	6,600	+ 200	0
Membership Organizations	5,200	5,100	4,600	+ 100	+ 600
Other Services	26,700	26,500	24,600	+ 200	+ 2,100
GOVERNMENT	131,800	131,400	129,100	+ 400	+ 2,700
Federal	29,300	29,000	29,100	+ 300	+ 200
State ^{2/}	46,300	46,400	44,800	- 100	+ 1,500
Local	56,200	56,000	55,200	+ 200	+ 1,000

^{1/} Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

^{2/} Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary estimates, Albuquerque's unemployment rate in March was 6.7 percent. That is the lowest rate since February 1980, and its down considerably from the recession high of 9.4 percent in the first quarter of 1983. Since last March, employment in Albuquerque has grown by 14,300 and the number of unemployed has fallen by 5,500.

Most major industries in Albuquerque experienced seasonal increases of 100 to 500 jobs over the month. Exceptions were finance, insurance & real estate and transportation & public utilities - each with no change. Probably the most significant

employment change in March was the 100 additional jobs in manufacturing, all in the expanding electronic equipment subsector. Albuquerque's electronic component manufacturers such as Intel, Sperry Flights, and Signetics have accounted for the majority of the 1,000 job growth in the manufacturing industry over the last year. This growth is expected to continue, especially with the recent announcement by Monolithic Memories Inc. of its decision to locate a computer component manufacturing plant in Albuquerque which will initially employ 700 when production begins late next year.

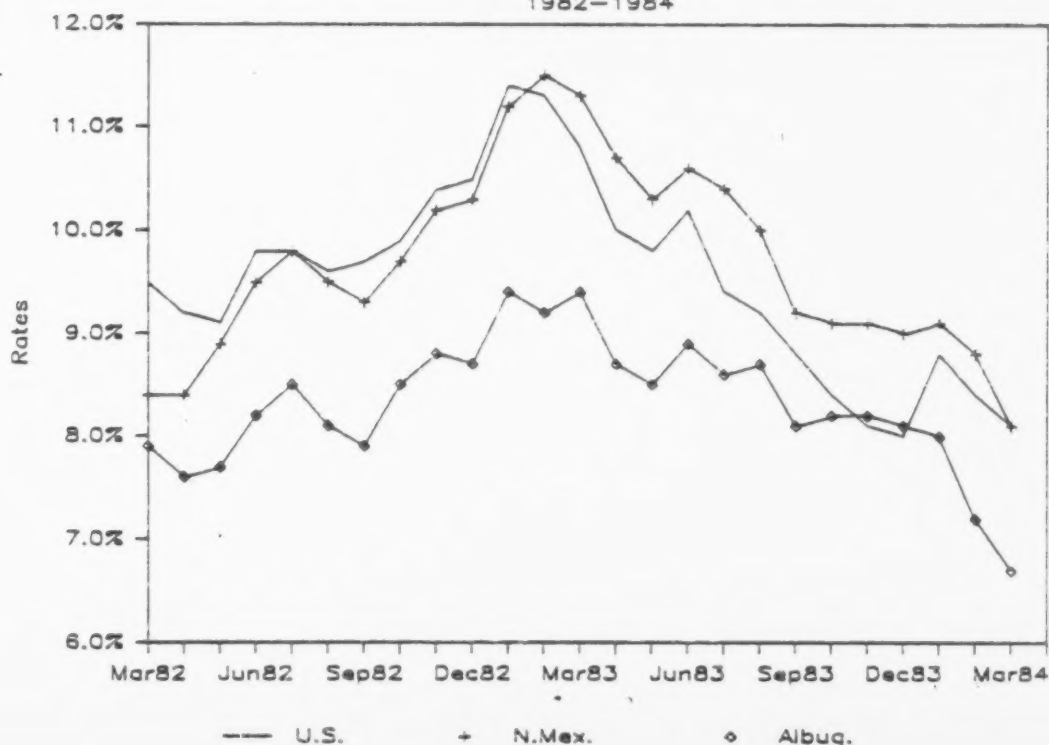
MARCH SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Mar. 1984	Revised Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Change From Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	235,400	234,200	226,600	+1,200	+8,800
Employment	219,700	217,300	205,400	+2,400	+14,300
Unemployment	15,700	16,900	21,200	-1,200	-5,500
Rate	6.7%	7.2%	9.4%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

Unemployment Rates

1982-1984



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAR 1984	Revised FEB 1984	Revised MAR 1983	MAR Change From	
				FEB 1984	MAR 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}	205,000	203,700	193,800	+1,300	+11,200
CONSTRUCTION	13,800	13,600	12,200	+ 200	+ 1,600
MANUFACTURING	19,000	18,900	18,000	+ 100	+ 1,000
Durable Goods	13,400	13,300	12,700	+ 100	+ 700
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,300	0	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	11,800	11,900	0	- 100
Transportation	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	+ 200
Communication	4,100	4,100	4,400	0	- 300
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	50,500	50,300	47,700	+ 200	+ 2,800
Wholesale Trade	13,000	13,000	12,700	0	+ 300
Durable Goods	8,400	8,400	8,200	0	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	37,500	37,300	35,000	+ 200	+ 2,500
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	4,000	3,700	- 100	+ 200
Food Stores	4,300	4,200	3,700	+ 100	+ 600
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	14,200	14,100	13,300	+ 100	+ 900
Other Retail Trade	10,700	10,600	10,000	+ 100	+ 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,000	12,000	11,400	0	+ 600
Banking	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,500	5,500	5,100	0	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	52,300	51,800	49,100	+ 500	+ 3,200
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,100	3,000	2,800	+ 100	+ 300
Health Services	12,500	12,400	11,700	+ 100	+ 800
Social Services	2,700	2,600	2,800	+ 100	- 100
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,500	1,700	+ 100	- 100
Other Services and Mining	32,400	32,300	30,100	+ 100	+ 2,300
GOVERNMENT	45,600	45,300	43,500	+ 300	+ 2,100
Federal	13,200	13,100	12,800	+ 100	+ 400
State	12,800	12,700	11,900	+ 100	+ 900
Local	19,600	19,500	18,800	+ 100	+ 800

^{1/} Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAR 1984	Revised FEB 1984	Revised MAR 1983	MAR Change From FEB MAR 1984 1983	
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	34,900	34,825	33,225	+ 75	+1,675
CONSTRUCTION	2,375	2,300	2,150	+ 75	+ 225
MANUFACTURING	3,175	3,200	3,050	- 25	+ 125
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,275	1,300	1,375	- 25	- 100
Transportation	575	600	600	- 25	- 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	700	700	775	0	- 75
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,850	6,850	6,075	0	+ 775
Wholesale Trade	750	750	700	0	+ 50
Retail Trade	6,100	6,100	5,375	0	+ 725
General Merchandise Stores	750	750	725	0	+ 25
Food Stores	875	875	775	0	+ 100
Auto Dlr's & Serv Stations	800	825	750	- 25	+ 50
Eating & Drinking Places	2,400	2,375	1,975	+ 25	+ 425
Other Retail Trade	1,275	1,275	1,150	0	+ 125
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,350	1,325	1,225	+ 25	+ 125
SERVICES & MINING	4,675	4,625	4,375	+ 50	+ 300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	550	550	600	0	- 50
Business Services	675	700	675	- 25	0
Health Services	1,050	1,050	875	0	+ 175
Social Services	300	300	300	0	0
Other Services & Mining	2,100	2,025	1,925	+ 75	+ 175
GOVERNMENT	15,200	15,225	14,975	- 25	- 225
Federal	4,325	4,350	4,350	- 25	- 25
State	6,025	6,050	5,525	- 25	+ 200
Local	4,850	4,825	4,800	+ 25	+ 50

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR 1984	FEB 1984	MAR 1983	MAR 1984	FEB 1984	MAR 1983	MAR 1984	FEB 1984	MAR 1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$460.49	\$479.76	\$464.92	40.5	43.3	41.4	\$11.37	\$11.08	\$11.23
CONSTRUCTION	402.09	381.99	395.16	37.3	35.6	37.0	10.78	10.73	10.68
MANUFACTURING	305.74	304.59	297.70	39.4	39.0	39.8	7.76	7.81	7.48
Durable Goods	316.00	315.54	315.38	39.5	39.1	40.8	8.00	8.07	7.73
Nondurable Gds	284.20	281.30	260.82	39.2	38.8	37.8	7.25	7.25	6.90
COMM and UTIL	418.95	417.38	406.48	40.4	40.8	41.1	10.37	10.23	9.89
TRADE *	257.38	253.96	245.34	35.5	34.6	35.2	7.25	7.34	6.97
BANKING	197.85	200.78	193.64	37.4	37.6	37.6	5.29	5.34	5.15
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	\$295.14	\$300.27	\$285.67	39.3	39.2	38.5	\$ 7.51	\$ 7.66	\$ 7.42

* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE AREA: The Federal Highway Administration has released the first installment of nearly \$58 million for improvements to New Mexico roads which will be used to transport transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant now under construction near Carlsbad. Approximately 200 miles of roadway, primarily on U.S. Highway 285, are scheduled to be upgraded by 1988 when the first shipments of nuclear waste material will be transported. The Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico has released its 1982 county population estimates; and the counties with the greatest rates of growth between 1980 and 1982 were Socorro, San Juan, and Los Alamos. Statewide, the population grew 4.9 percent - from 1,302,981 in 1980 to 1,367,000 in 1982.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Monolithic Memories will locate a large computer chip manufacturing complex in the Albuquerque area. Construction of the plant, which will be located on a 60-acre site at Coors and Western Trails, is expected to begin this fall. Approximately 700 persons should be employed initially by Monolithic when production starts in December 1985. Monolithic is one of the country's leading producers of logic and memory circuits, and the firm has manufacturing facilities in Santa Clara and Sunnyvale, California and Penang, Malaysia. Sperry Flight Systems will break ground in the fall for a \$15.2 million, 208,000-square-foot addition to accommodate engineering offices, laboratories, and administrative offices. Sperry employs 1,600 people in Albuquerque, and the firm is hiring at a rate of approximately 50 per month. Construction will begin this summer on a \$10 million, five-story, 73,000-square-foot Continental Inn. The Inn will be located at Harper Drive NE and I-25 Frontage Road and should be open by Christmas. Craddock Development Company has broken ground on Phase III of the Newport Business Center. The project, located at the southeast corner of Renard Place and Buena Vista SE, will add one-story office, warehouse,

and retail buildings, totaling to approximately 37,000 square-feet. Gabby's Genuine Barbecue restaurant, part of a Houston-based chain, will open late in April at 6220 San Mateo Blvd., NE. The restaurant will be the first of four Gabbys' planned for Albuquerque. The \$2 million renovation project at Montgomery Plaza is expected to be substantially completed by the end of May. New tenants at the Plaza will be Miller's Outpost, which will open a 24,000 square-foot store; Rax Roastbeef; and Super Salads. The Presley Company of New Mexico has begun construction of a 280-unit apartment complex at Villa Landera on Albuquerque's west side. The \$8.5 million project will feature a community building and several apartments especially designed for the handicapped. La Quinta Motor Inns, Inc. plans to build its third motor inn in Albuquerque at the intersection of I-25 and San Antonio Drive. Construction on the 130-room motor inn is scheduled to begin late this summer with an estimated completion date in the summer of 1985. A restaurant is planned next to the motor inn. The Unser interchange on I-40 west of Coors Boulevard is under construction. The \$7 million project is expected to take a year to complete. Ground has been broken for the \$1 million, 8,000-square-foot Tasso's restaurant. The restaurant, located on Central SW, should be open in July. Construction of a \$5.3 million medical office building on the Pan American Highway is scheduled to begin in early June.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Super 8 Motels, of Aberdeen S.C., has announced the opening of a new 63-unit motel in Ruidoso. The motel is owned by Southwest Developers Joint Venture of Ruidoso.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Incoat Extruded Coating Company has opened a new plant in Clovis. The company will coat pipe used to transport carbon dioxide at the AMOCO Bravo Dome Project in northeast New Mexico.

ESPAÑOLA AREA: Rio Arriba County Commissioners have approved the first 34 lots of a proposed 1,357-acre subdivision at Lake Abiquiu. The subdivision, which will be called Lake Abiquiu Estates, will be developed in three phases, beginning after the completion of a \$132,000 access road. Amethyst Hall, a new alcohol and drug addiction residential treatment facility, has opened in Velarde. The 32-acre facility will employ 22 staff members.

FARMINGTON AREA: Peter Kiewit & Sons Company was the low bidder on a \$5.8 million paving and improvement project on N.M. 371 near the McKinley-San Juan county line. The San Juan County Commissioners awarded the construction contract for a county central purchasing facility to FBN Construction. The \$337,499 facility will be located on the west edge of Aztec. The County Commission also approved a bid of \$2.3 million by Lawrence A. Brewer and Associates for the second phase of the Twin Peaks bypass. The project will be a 6.4 mile extension to the existing bypass, and work is expected to begin in April. The Jaynes Corporation of Farmington has received a \$2 million contract for a new library and building expansion at San Juan College.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: The consolidation of patient services at Rehoboth-McKinley Christian Hospital-West will result in about 20 layoffs of non-licensed, entry-level positions, effective July 20. After consolidation, the hospital will employ about 275 people. The Salt River Project (SRP) in Arizona has announced plans to spend approximately \$1.5 million this year to search for coal on 26,000 acres near Fence Lake, south of Gallup. SRP officials said the project will include drilling, and environmental and engineering tests.

LAS CRUCES AREA: The Daughters of Charity, a religious order that operates the Hotel Dieu Medical Center in El Paso, is planning to locate a 40-bed medical clinic in Santa Teresa, south of Las Cru-

ces. The 14,000-square-foot clinic is expected to employ approximately 40 persons. The Dawn Corporation, a Dallas-based development firm, is building a \$4.2 million, 71,000-square-foot shopping center at Telshor Blvd. and Foothills Dr. in Las Cruces which will be occupied by a Safeway store and other smaller retail businesses. The center, which will be called the High Range Plaza, should be completed by April, 1985.

LAS VEGAS AREA: The Las Vegas Medical Center has received state funding of \$2.6 million for a food service center and \$285,000 for a multipurpose room at its forensic unit. The Luna Vocational-Technical Institute has received \$3 million for a technology training facility. Montano de Fibra will begin manufacturing fiberboard in early May with about 100 new employees. The plant's workforce is expected to total about 200 when at full operating capacity.

RATON AREA: A number of activities within the Bravo Dome carbon dioxide production unit will have a benefit for Clayton and Union County throughout 1984. Work is currently underway on a new set of compressors and a collection system pipeline at Amoco's compressor station near Rosebud. Also, construction of Amoco's Bravo Dome Pipeline, which will carry carbon dioxide 210-miles from northeastern New Mexico to the Permian Basin of west Texas, is expected to start in June. A company official anticipates the number of people employed in the various construction projects to peak about June through September.

ROSWELL AREA: Wal-Mart and Bealls department stores were the first tenants open in the \$10 million, 300,000-square-foot Roswell Mall. Both Wal-Mart and Bealls opened in early April, and C.R. Anthony and several smaller retail shops opened later in the month. The other major tenant of the mall, J.C. Penney, is scheduled to open in May. Roswell will have its first Wendy's restaurant open by early June, according to Hobbs resident Bill Maier who is the owner of the Ham-

burger outlet presently under construction. The eatery will employ 80 to 90 workers and seat approximately 100 patrons.

SANTA FE AREA: Work is underway on the Villa Linda Mall at the intersection of Rodeo and Cerrillos Roads, and the developers plan for the mall to open in July 1985. The 666,000-square-foot mall will generate about 1,500 jobs during peak shopping seasons. A large Minnesota-based company, Wilson Learning, is locating a new division in Santa Fe. The company will develop innovative ways of using computers in teaching. Wilson Learning expects to employ up to 150 people within the next 3 years.

SILVER CITY AREA: Quintana Minerals Corporation was unable to find a buyer for its Copper Flats copper mine and mill near Hillsboro, and the property has been taken over by creditors. The Imperial Bank of Commerce of Toronto Canada is now the principal owner of the mine, and the bank is continuing the search for

a buyer. Copper Flats employed approximately 200 workers until it closed in mid-1982 because of declining copper prices.

TAOS AREA: Approximately \$12 million worth of improvement projects are planned for the Rio Costilla ski area this summer. The projects include the addition of a 100-room hotel, a gourmet restaurant, a new base lodge, skier housing facilities, office space, and up to 50 condominiums.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Updated publications now available include the "Albuquerque/Small Employer Wage Survey", "Large Employers in New Mexico by County", and "Large Employers in the Albuquerque Area". The "Albuquerque Small Employer Wage Survey" is an annual report showing entry, average, and ranges of hourly pay for over 100 occupations in companies of 20 - 100 employees. The "Large Employers" lists give names, addresses, and phone numbers of major employers by industry. The above publications may be requested free of charge from:

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

PRELIMINARY MARCH 1984 1/

REVISED FEBRUARY 1984 1/

REVISED MARCH 1983 1/

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	610,356	560,736	49,620	8.1%	606,925	553,568	53,357	8.8%	600,158	532,174	67,984	11.3%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	235,352	219,700	15,652	6.7%	234,169	217,281	16,888	7.2%	226,625	205,410	21,215	9.4%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	42,507	39,289	3,218	7.6%	42,234	38,798	3,436	8.1%	40,394	36,314	4,080	10.1%
Catron	867	693	174	20.1%	884	687	197	22.3%	945	704	241	25.5%
Chaves	23,972	22,447	1,525	6.4%	23,936	22,319	1,617	6.8%	23,964	21,900	2,064	8.6%
Cibola	11,468	9,930	1,538	13.4%	11,376	9,672	1,704	15.0%	12,695	9,715	2,980	23.5%
Colfax	6,751	5,880	871	12.9%	6,799	5,852	947	13.9%	6,622	5,501	1,121	16.9%
Curry	15,037	13,999	1,038	6.9%	14,879	13,771	1,108	7.4%	15,323	13,788	1,535	10.0%
De Baca	983	912	71	7.2%	978	903	75	7.7%	947	875	72	7.6%
Eddy	23,487	21,140	2,347	10.0%	23,357	20,782	2,575	11.0%	24,047	20,739	3,308	13.6%
Grant	9,608	8,400	1,208	12.6%	9,670	8,311	1,359	14.1%	10,338	7,459	2,879	27.8%
Guadalupe	1,453	1,330	123	8.5%	1,436	1,290	146	10.2%	1,395	1,302	93	6.7%
Harding	552	528	24	4.3%	558	528	30	5.4%	499	479	20	4.0%
Hidalgo	2,319	2,197	122	5.3%	2,293	2,163	130	5.7%	2,456	2,183	273	11.1%
Lea	31,237	29,726	1,511	4.8%	31,616	29,958	1,658	5.2%	32,346	29,937	2,409	7.4%
Lincoln	7,410	7,040	370	5.0%	7,365	6,934	431	5.9%	7,026	6,697	329	4.7%
Los Alamos	11,016	10,839	177	1.6%	10,902	10,728	174	1.6%	10,487	10,290	197	1.9%
Luna	4,875	4,239	636	13.0%	4,860	4,219	641	13.2%	4,839	4,215	624	12.9%
McKinley	17,423	15,646	1,777	10.2%	17,458	15,556	1,902	10.9%	18,005	14,961	3,044	16.9%
Mora	1,151	713	438	38.1%	1,129	697	432	38.3%	1,131	700	431	38.1%
Otero	14,758	13,595	1,163	7.9%	14,574	13,312	1,262	8.7%	14,888	13,407	1,481	9.9%
Quay	5,077	4,583	494	9.7%	5,058	4,537	521	10.3%	5,011	4,371	640	12.8%
Rio Arriba	12,164	9,693	2,471	20.3%	12,291	9,597	2,694	21.9%	12,127	9,038	3,089	25.5%
Roosevelt	7,669	7,316	353	4.6%	7,563	7,179	384	5.1%	7,667	7,155	512	6.7%
San Juan	37,241	32,237	5,004	13.4%	36,901	31,617	5,284	14.3%	37,583	31,135	6,448	17.2%
San Miguel	8,938	7,768	1,170	13.1%	8,505	7,270	1,235	14.5%	8,868	7,463	1,405	15.8%
Santa Fe	42,364	39,944	2,420	5.7%	41,681	39,170	2,511	6.0%	39,980	36,949	3,031	7.6%
Sierra	2,412	2,334	78	3.2%	2,394	2,289	105	4.4%	2,421	2,219	202	8.3%
Socorro	5,007	4,588	419	8.4%	4,875	4,446	429	8.8%	4,908	4,377	531	10.8%
Taos	11,341	9,540	1,801	15.9%	11,434	9,475	1,959	17.1%	11,031	8,963	2,068	18.7%
Torrance	2,184	1,998	186	8.5%	2,196	1,999	197	9.0%	2,207	2,066	141	6.4%
Union	2,621	2,461	160	6.1%	2,616	2,458	158	6.0%	2,206	2,048	158	7.2%
Valencia	11,112	10,031	1,081	9.7%	10,938	9,770	1,168	10.7%	11,177	9,814	1,363	12.2%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's economy chalked up another good month during April according to preliminary labor force and industry employment estimates. The state's unemployment rate fell from 8.1 to 7.4 percent in April, which continued the improving trend in unemployment shown since early 1983. The estimates indicated that 46,000 New Mexicans were looking for work during the month. This was 3,800 fewer than in March and 18,300 less than one year ago. U.S. unemployment also has improved significantly during the last twelve months. The nation's jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) this April was 7.6 percent, down from 8.1 percent in March and 10.0 percent in April 1983.

Approximately 3,500 jobs were added to New Mexico's nonfarm payroll employment during April; and the bulk of the gain was in the construction, trade, and services industries. The increases in trade and services were fairly normal springtime expansions; however, the addition of 1,300

construction jobs was stronger than the usual pattern.

New Mexico's employment situation has improved significantly during the first four months of 1984. The improvement was broad-based, and all major industries participated in the employment expansion. Especially noteworthy were the performances of the construction industry, electronic equipment manufacturing, and oil & gas extraction. Construction employment gains reported this spring have been considerably stronger than the usual warm weather buildup. Electronic manufacturing, largely centered in the Albuquerque area, added 300 new jobs during the first four months of this year, and oil & gas extraction also posted 300 additional jobs over the period. The oil & gas increase is especially encouraging because of the severe job losses suffered by this important industry in the last recession. Almost 5,000 jobs were lost in New Mexico's petroleum industry between 1981 and 1983.

APRIL SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Apr. 1984	Revised Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Change From Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	617,900	612,300	601,600	+5,600	+16,300
Employment	571,900	562,500	537,300	+9,400	+34,600
Unemployment	46,000	49,800	64,300	-3,800	-18,300
Rate	7.4%	8.1%	10.7%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim APR 1984	Revised MAR 1984	Revised APR 1983	APR MAR 1984	Change From APR 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}	493,000	489,500	472,500	+3,500	+20,500
MINING	21,400	21,500	20,200	- 100	+ 1,200
Metal Mining	4,000	4,100	3,900	- 100	+ 100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	+ 200
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,200	13,200	12,300	0	+ 900
CONSTRUCTION	34,500	33,200	32,100	+1,300	+ 2,400
MANUFACTURING	34,800	34,700	33,800	+ 100	+ 1,000
Durable Goods	22,200	22,200	21,400	0	+ 800
Lumber and Wood Products	2,400	2,300	2,100	+ 100	+ 300
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	5,600	5,600	4,600	0	+ 1,000
Transportation Equipment	3,400	3,500	4,100	- 100	- 700
Other Durable Goods	10,800	10,800	10,600	0	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	12,600	12,500	12,400	+ 100	+ 200
Food and Kindred Products	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	- 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,800	2,700	2,500	+ 100	+ 300
Other Nondurable Goods	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,400	29,300	29,700	+ 100	- 300
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	+ 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	+ 100
Other Transportation	4,400	4,300	4,100	+ 100	+ 300
Communication	7,500	7,600	8,200	- 100	- 700
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,700	9,600	9,800	+ 100	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	114,000	112,700	107,800	+1,300	+ 6,200
Wholesale Trade	21,500	21,400	21,200	+ 100	+ 300
Durable Goods	12,500	12,500	12,300	0	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	9,000	8,900	8,900	+ 100	+ 100
Retail Trade	92,500	91,300	86,600	+1,200	+ 5,900
General Merchandise Stores	10,700	10,500	9,900	+ 200	+ 800
Food Stores	13,900	13,600	12,500	+ 300	+ 1,400
Auto Dlr. and Service Stations	12,400	12,400	11,900	0	+ 500
Eating and Drinking Places	32,800	32,200	30,700	+ 600	+ 2,100
Other Retail Trade	22,700	22,600	21,600	+ 100	+ 1,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	23,900	23,700	23,000	+ 200	+ 900
Banking	8,400	8,300	8,100	+ 100	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10,000	9,900	9,500	+ 100	+ 500
SERVICES	103,200	102,600	97,600	+ 600	+ 5,600
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,700	10,500	10,000	+ 200	+ 700
Personal Services	5,400	5,300	5,200	+ 100	+ 200
Business Services	22,900	22,600	21,900	+ 300	+ 1,000
Health Services	25,600	25,500	24,800	+ 100	+ 800
Social Services	6,800	6,700	6,600	+ 100	+ 200
Membership Organizations	5,400	5,200	4,800	+ 200	+ 600
Other Services	26,400	26,800	24,300	- 400	+ 2,100
GOVERNMENT	131,800	131,800	128,300	0	+ 3,500
Federal	29,900	29,500	29,700	+ 400	+ 200
State ^{2/}	45,600	46,100	43,600	- 500	+ 2,000
Local	56,300	56,200	55,000	+ 100	+ 1,300

^{1/} Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

^{2/} Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

HIGHLIGHTS

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

Albuquerque continued its economic recovery in April. Preliminary estimates indicated that employment grew by 3,300, while unemployment declined by 1,300. The result was an unemployment rate of 6.0% for April, the lowest rate since September 1979.

Over the year, employment in Albuquerque has increased by 15,300 and the number unemployed has decreased by 5,500. Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in April was 206,800. The .5% increase from 205,700 in March was mostly normal springtime job additions, with the exception being in the construction industry. The building sector expanded by 400 jobs over the month, substantially more than usual for this time of year.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose 5.7% (+11,100) from April

1983. Transportation, communication and public utilities was down 1.7% over the year with nearly all the loss in the communication subsector (down 9.1%). This decline, largely the result of the divestiture of AT&T, should be prevalent for about a year from the divestiture which occurred on January 1, 1984. All other sectors posted gains of 4.8% or greater, with construction leading with a 12.2% increase. The majority of the construction growth was experienced in May and June of 1983 and the first four months of 1984.

Notable subsector growth over the year not disclosed in the table on page 4 include: electronic equipment manufacturing (+1,000), apparel manufacturing (+300), and business services (+900).

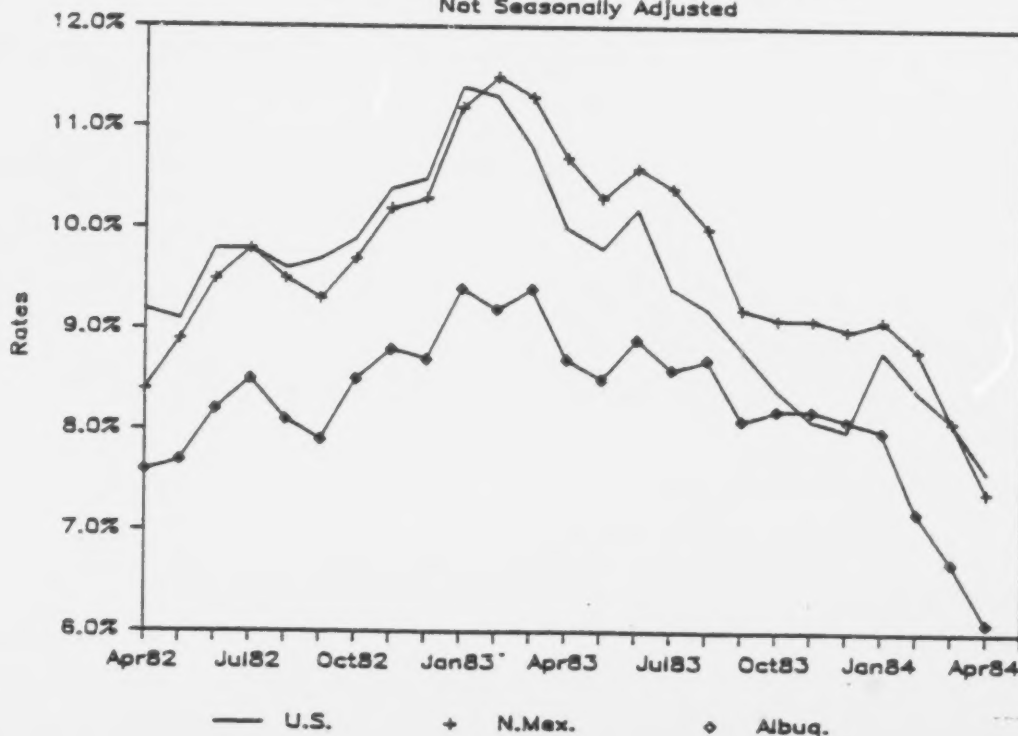
APRIL SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Apr. 1984	Revised Mar. 1984	Revised Apr. 1983	Change From Mar. 1984	Change From Apr. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	238,300	236,300	228,500	+2,000	+9,800
Employment	223,900	220,600	208,600	+3,300	+15,300
Unemployment	14,400	15,700	19,900	-1,300	-5,500
Rate	6.0%	6.6%	8.7%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim APR 1984	Revised MAR 1984	Revised APR 1983	APR Change From MAR 1984 APR 1983	
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}	206,800	205,700	195,700	+1,100	+11,100
CONSTRUCTION	14,300	13,900	12,700	+ 400	+ 1,600
MANUFACTURING	19,300	19,200	18,100	+ 100	+ 1,200
Durable Goods	13,700	13,600	12,700	+ 100	+ 1,000
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,400	0	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	11,900	12,000	- 100	- 200
Transportation	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	+ 200
Communication	4,000	4,100	4,400	- 100	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	51,000	50,700	48,600	+ 300	+ 2,400
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,100	12,800	0	+ 300
Durable Goods	8,500	8,500	8,200	0	+ 300
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
Retail Trade	37,900	37,600	35,800	+ 300	+ 2,100
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	4,000	3,700	0	+ 300
Food Stores	4,300	4,300	3,900	0	+ 400
Auto Dlr's and Service Stations	4,400	4,400	4,200	0	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	14,400	14,200	13,900	+ 200	+ 500
Other Retail Trade	10,800	10,700	10,100	+ 100	+ 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,200	12,100	11,500	+ 100	+ 700
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,000	0	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,600	5,500	5,200	+ 100	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	52,900	52,600	49,600	+ 300	+ 3,300
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,200	3,000	0	+ 200
Health Services	12,700	12,600	11,800	+ 100	+ 900
Social Services	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other Services and Mining	32,700	32,500	30,500	+ 200	+ 2,200
GOVERNMENT	45,300	45,300	43,200	0	+ 2,100
Federal	13,200	13,200	12,600	0	+ 600
State	12,400	12,500	11,900	- 100	+ 500
Local	19,700	19,600	18,700	+ 100	+ 1,000

^{1/} Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim APR 1984	Revised MAR 1984	Revised APR 1983	APR Change From MAR 1984	APR 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	35,225	35,150	32,475	+ 75	+2,750
CONSTRUCTION	2,525	2,400	2,125	+125	+ 400
MANUFACTURING	3,275	3,175	3,225	+100	+ 50
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,275	1,275	1,350	0	- 75
Transportation	575	575	575	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	700	700	775	0	- 75
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,850	6,925	5,975	- 75	+ 875
Wholesale Trade	775	750	750	+ 25	+ 25
Retail Trade	6,075	6,175	5,225	-100	+ 850
General Merchandise Stores	725	750	700	- 25	+ 25
Food Stores	975	900	750	+ 75	+ 225
Auto Dlr's & Serv Stations	800	800	750	0	+ 50
Eating & Drinking Places	2,275	2,425	1,850	-150	+ 425
Other Retail Trade	1,300	1,300	1,175	0	+ 125
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,375	1,350	1,250	+ 25	+ 125
SERVICES & MINING	4,750	4,700	4,450	+ 50	+ 300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	575	550	575	+ 25	0
Business Services	675	675	675	0	0
Health Services	1,050	1,050	900	0	+ 150
Social Services	325	325	325	0	0
Other Services & Mining	2,125	2,100	1,975	+ 25	+ 150
GOVERNMENT	15,175	15,325	14,100	-150	+1,075
Federal	4,350	4,450	4,475	-100	- 125
State	6,000	6,025	4,825	- 25	+1,175
Local	4,825	4,850	4,800	- 25	+ 25

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR 1984	MAR 1984	APR 1983	APR 1984	MAR 1984	APR 1983	APR 1984	MAR 1984	APR 1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$486.17	\$475.08	\$461.13	43.1	42.8	40.7	\$11.28	\$11.10	\$11.33
CONSTRUCTION	381.98	398.41	377.00	35.9	37.2	35.3	10.64	10.71	10.68
MANUFACTURING	303.03	307.71	305.78	39.0	39.4	40.5	7.77	7.81	7.55
Durable Goods	316.00	321.19	325.62	39.5	39.8	41.8	8.00	8.07	7.79
Nondurable Gds	275.12	280.91	263.20	38.0	38.8	37.6	7.24	7.24	7.00
COMM and UTIL	420.43	418.14	390.04	40.7	40.4	39.8	10.33	10.35	9.80
TRADE *	269.75	257.71	248.86	35.4	35.4	35.4	7.62	7.28	7.03
BANKING	210.79	196.63	191.58	39.4	37.1	37.2	5.35	5.30	5.15
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	\$292.97	\$292.82	\$303.64	38.6	39.2	41.2	\$ 7.59	\$ 7.47	\$ 7.37

* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: New Mexico ranked fifth nationally in per-capita receipt of federal funds during fiscal year 1983. The federal government spent \$5.35 billion in the state during the period, which breaks down to \$3,826 per resident. The largest expenditures in the state were for federal procurement; direct payments to individuals for Social Security, medicare, food stamps, etc.; federal salaries; and grants to state and local governments. Virginia was first in the nation in per-capita federal spending; followed by Alaska, Maryland and Hawaii.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Dawn Company of Dallas, Texas has begun construction of the \$11.6 million Mountain Run Shopping Center. The center, located at Eubank and Juan Tabo Blvds. N.E., will have 145,200 square feet of shopping space. The University of New Mexico will be receiving state capitol outlay funds of \$1.46 million for equipment for the medical center and about \$7.7 million to enlarge the Anderson School of Business. Martinez Custom Trailers plans to expand its current building on Pan American Freeway NE by 24,000 square feet. The company employs 40 people and plans to employ about 70 by the end of 1985. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor indicate that Kirtland Air Force Base has a workforce of over 19,000 people, making it the largest employer in New Mexico. Also, an estimated 38,000 jobs were needed in the Albuquerque area to supply goods and services to the Base in 1983. The annual Design Automation Conference will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center from June 23 to June 28. The conference will bring in 3,000 to 4,000 people and an expected \$4 to \$5 million to the city's economy. All exhibit space at the Convention Center has been booked, as well as about 3,500 of the city's first-class hotel rooms. Forest Products Inc. has reduced its employment from about 100 to 25 people. A new 31,700 square-foot Lutheran high school complex is under construction. The complex, located on Carmel NE, is expected to be completed by August 1. Texas Inn,

a new chain of motor inns, will begin construction of a new 115-room, \$2 million facility this summer. The new inn will be located at Yale Boulevard and Renard Place SW.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: A 60-unit Super 8 Motel is being built in Alamogordo by C.C. Housing Corporation. Ruidoso Downs Race Track opened on May 18 for its 1984 horse racing season. Approximately 400 persons are employed by Ruidoso Downs during the racing schedule.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Department of Energy officials estimate that approximately \$76 million in construction-related contracts will be awarded this year for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad. The largest upcoming contract is for an estimated \$30-40 million waste handling structure, which is expected to be awarded in late May or early June. Other large contracts include \$14 million for underground development, \$6 million for site utilities, and \$5 million for an exhaust filter building. The largest project currently underway at WIPP is \$10 million in experimental mining and shaft construction by Obayashi Gunn. WIPP is expected to be completed by late 1986. The new 79 room Pecos Inn in Artesia is scheduled to open in early June. The Soil Conservation Service has awarded a \$5.9 million contract to Tricon-Kent Inc. of Castle Rock, Colorado for construction of Phase II of the Cottonwood Walnut dam near Artesia. Work is expected to begin on the 1.5 mile earthen dam this June.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Cannon Air Force Base employed approximately 4,000 military and 400 civilian personnel during the 1983 Fiscal Year, according to base officials. Base payroll during the period was \$88 million; and the facility spent \$39.5 million for materials, supplies and services. Prince Development Company of Salt Lake City wants to construct a 220,000-square-foot enclosed shopping

mall in Clovis. Work on the mall, which will contain three major department stores, could begin by mid-summer if permits and leases are obtained according to schedule.

ESPAÑOLA AREA: Intel Corporation is considering a cooperative training program with Northern New Mexico Community College. The cooperative program, if undertaken, would help Intel recruit electrical and chemical technicians over the next year and a half for its Rio Rancho plant expansion. The \$2.4 million Jicarilla Inn in Dulce is scheduled to open on July 1. The Inn should employ about 30 workers. Continental Telephone will move its business office from Espanola to Show Low, Arizona in November. The New Mexico Federal Savings and Loan Association started construction on a new 4,000 square-foot, \$500,000 branch office in Espanola. The new office is scheduled to open by the fall of 1984. Evergreen Lumber Mill laid off all but four salaried employees on May 1. The layoff is expected to last one to two months.

FARMINGTON AREA: Maverick Jack Corporation, the manufacturer of a new hydraulic pump jack, has begun operations in Farmington. The Company is perfecting a model for 10,000 foot wells before beginning full-scale production. Energy Transition Corporation of Santa Fe is conducting a feasibility study for a coal conversion project for northwest New Mexico. The project, if implemented, would cost about \$770 million, employ about 3,000 in short-term construction jobs, and about 1,800 in long-term production jobs. The project involves the conversion of coal to produce liquid crude oil for refineries and a substance called "char" for use in the area's power plants. Albertson's closed its 28,000 square-foot store in Farmington in early May, resulting in the layoff of about 25 workers. Construction of the \$8.3 million, 101,000 square-foot Shiprock high school is expected to start soon. The facility is scheduled for completion in July 1985.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: Work has started on an expansion project at the University

of New Mexico's Gallup branch campus. The project is expected to cost about \$4 million. Two uranium companies in the Gallup-Grants area plan summer shutdowns. Homestake Mining Company will lay off about 300 workers from May 25 to July 25, and workers at Quivira Mining's Ambrosia Lake operation will be on paid vacation from June 14 to July 9. Due to the depressed price of processed uranium, the companies use the summer shutdowns to provide facility maintenance and avoid laying off more workers permanently. The Western New Mexico Correctional Facility, a new women's prison and intake classification center near Grants, will open in August. The facility has about 200 job openings, of which about 90% are expected to be filled by Grants-area residents. The new workers are to be hired in June to prepare for the August opening.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: W.A. Jourdan Inc. was awarded a \$1.5 million contract to construct a state government office building in Hobbs. Southern Union Company of Dallas, owner of the Famariss refinery at Lovington, is considering either closing the facility or upgrading the plant to produce gasoline. Southern Union has approximately \$45 million invested in the refinery, which employs about 65 workers producing mostly jet aviation fuel.

LAS CRUCES AREA: New Mexico State University regents have approved a \$1.8 million bid by Mesilla Valley Construction Company for construction of married student campus housing. Two major aviation equipment manufacturers, Hughes Aircraft and Boeing, are considering Las Cruces as a possible site for a military missile repair plant that would employ about 75 technicians. Hughes and Boeing jointly have a contract with the U.S. Army to build a depot-level repair plant that would serve the Army's Roland missile. A feasibility study for the proposed plant is expected to be completed in about four months.

LAS VEGAS AREA: New Mexico Highlands University will receive about \$1.4 million

in state capital outlay funds to replace the campus heating system. Luna Vocational Institute will receive \$3 million in capital outlay funds for a new technology training facility.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: A \$2.4 million repair project is under way at the Los Alamos Airport. Burns and Roe Pacific Inc., a Los Angeles architectural firm, has been selected by the the U.S. Department of Energy to design a new \$10 million nuclear materials storage facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Mason and Hanger-Silas Mason, which handles security for Los Alamos National Laboratory, plans to hire 122 new workers by the end of the year. The company currently employs 268 people.

RATON AREA: Construction of an 80-bed nursing home could begin in early July, should a project feasibility study now underway prove to be favorable. The facility, to be located on land adjacent to Northern Colfax County Hospital in Raton, would provide an annual payroll of about \$500,000.

ROSWELL AREA: Allison Chuck Products of Corona, California will locate a machine tool manufacturing plant at the Roswell Industrial Air Center which will initially employ about 15 persons. The 20,000 square-foot plant will be built by Brackeen Construction of Roswell. Retirement Ranch of Roswell, a private non-profit corporation, is planning to locate a \$10 million complex of retirement apartments and nursing care facilities on a 20-acre site at Montano Avenue and 19th Street in Roswell. Construction could start on the first phase of the project; a \$4.5 million, 120-bed nursing home; by this August.

SANTA FE AREA: Construction is scheduled to begin June 1 on a new 91,000 square foot shopping center at the intersection of St. Michaels Drive and Pacheco Street. The anchor store for the Plaza del Sur center will be a new Bag 'N Save grocery store. The project is expected to be completed by January 1985. The Thrifty Telephone Exchange, a discount long dis-

tance telephone service, has opened in Santa Fe. The new company will employ about 20 people. The Solana Shopping Center is planning a 25,000 square-foot expansion to accomodate a branch bank, and retail/office space. the Journal Publishing Company of Albuquerque will build a 4,000-square-foot office building for its Santa Fe staff at Galisteo and Montezuma streets. Construction is expected to begin within a year. Long Lac Mineral Exploration Inc., of Nevada, has applied for permits to explore for gold in the old Ortiz mining district between Madrid and Golden.

SILVER CITY AREA: The new solvent extraction electrowinning plant at the Tyrone Branch of Phelps Dodge Corporation is now in operation employing approximately 25 persons. The new facility produces copper at about one-half the cost of more conventional methods.

SOCORRO/BELÉN: State capital outlay funds of about \$2.9 million will go to construct a permanent campus for the University of New Mexico's Valencia branch.

TUCUMCARI AREA: R.M. Evetts Construction is building a 105-unit Discovery Inn in Tucumcari.

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

PRELIMINARY APRIL 1984 1/

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REVISED APRIL 1983 1/

		Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE		617,935	571,918	46,017	7.4%	612,266	562,484	49,782	8.1%	601,544	537,283	64,261	10.7%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA	2/	238,296	223,862	14,434	6.1%	236,342	220,618	15,724	6.7%	228,475	208,579	19,896	8.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA	3/	43,319	40,307	2,932	6.8%	42,907	39,660	3,247	7.6%	39,481	35,616	3,865	9.8%
Catron		974	821	153	15.7%	876	694	182	20.8%	971	796	175	18.0%
Chaves		24,715	23,245	1,470	5.9%	24,007	22,481	1,526	6.4%	24,287	22,286	2,001	8.2%
Cibola		11,556	10,217	1,339	11.6%	11,449	9,945	1,504	13.1%	11,966	9,288	2,678	22.4%
Colfax		6,576	5,821	755	11.5%	6,763	5,889	874	12.9%	6,656	5,419	1,237	18.6%
Curry		15,202	14,261	941	6.2%	15,065	14,020	1,045	6.9%	15,353	13,911	1,442	9.4%
De Baca		1,085	956	89	8.5%	980	913	67	6.8%	984	901	83	8.4%
Eddy		23,792	21,597	2,195	9.2%	23,515	21,172	2,343	10.0%	24,249	20,928	3,321	13.7%
Grant		9,727	8,649	1,078	11.1%	9,616	8,413	1,203	12.5%	10,451	7,990	2,461	23.5%
Guadalupe		1,484	1,375	109	7.3%	1,452	1,332	120	8.3%	1,415	1,321	94	6.6%
Harding		563	538	25	4.4%	552	528	24	4.3%	502	481	21	4.2%
Hidalgo		2,421	2,271	150	6.2%	2,322	2,200	122	5.3%	2,473	2,225	248	10.0%
Lea		31,403	29,907	1,496	4.8%	31,277	29,772	1,505	4.8%	32,317	29,766	2,551	7.9%
Lincoln		7,608	7,293	315	4.1%	7,418	7,051	367	4.9%	7,242	6,938	304	4.2%
Los Alamos		11,238	11,073	165	1.5%	11,033	10,856	177	1.6%	10,565	10,355	210	2.0%
Luna		4,958	4,358	600	12.1%	4,863	4,245	618	12.7%	4,958	4,292	666	13.4%
McKinley		17,611	15,843	1,768	10.0%	17,542	15,670	1,872	10.7%	18,173	14,916	3,257	17.9%
Mora		1,049	721	328	31.3%	1,153	714	439	38.1%	1,116	720	396	35.5%
Otero		15,053	14,007	1,046	6.9%	14,754	13,616	1,138	7.7%	14,948	13,598	1,350	9.0%
Quay		5,127	4,710	417	8.1%	5,084	4,590	494	9.7%	5,142	4,541	601	11.7%
Rio Arriba		12,090	9,854	2,236	18.5%	12,186	9,708	2,478	20.3%	11,942	9,272	2,670	22.4%
Roosevelt		7,878	7,585	293	3.7%	7,675	7,327	348	4.5%	7,873	7,428	445	5.7%
San Juan		37,547	32,920	4,627	12.3%	37,344	32,286	5,058	13.5%	37,567	31,708	5,859	15.6%
San Miguel		9,030	7,960	1,070	11.8%	8,955	7,779	1,176	13.1%	8,673	7,522	1,151	13.3%
Santa Fe		42,816	40,670	2,146	5.0%	42,434	40,005	2,429	5.7%	40,383	37,616	2,767	6.9%
Sierra		2,544	2,435	109	4.3%	2,422	2,338	84	3.5%	2,584	2,400	184	7.1%
Socorro		5,099	4,674	425	8.3%	5,019	4,595	424	8.4%	4,835	4,407	428	8.9%
Taos		11,085	9,056	2,029	18.3%	11,339	9,554	1,785	15.7%	10,742	8,523	2,219	20.7%
Torrance		2,233	2,058	175	7.8%	2,186	2,002	184	8.4%	2,225	2,079	146	6.6%
Union		2,613	2,473	140	5.4%	2,625	2,464	161	6.1%	2,237	2,079	158	7.1%
Valencia		11,283	10,321	962	8.5%	11,111	10,047	1,064	9.6%	10,759	9,382	1,377	12.8%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

3/ Dona Ana County

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NEW MEXICO

Preliminary labor force estimates indicated that New Mexico's unemployment rate in May was 6.9 percent, down from 7.4 percent in April. The number of persons looking for work fell by 3,500 over the month, and conversely total employment rose by 3,900 persons. The 12-month comparisons showed much the same picture, with the number of jobless down by 20,500, employment 31,100 higher, and the unemployment rate substantially improved from the 10.3 percent in May of last year. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) this May was 7.2 percent, down from 7.6 percent in April and 10.0 percent one year ago.

The industry payroll figures for May indicated continued improvement in most

of the state's major sectors. Trade and construction posted the largest job gains during the month, followed by somewhat smaller increases in manufacturing, services, and mining. On the loss side was the usual large decline in state government employment as state-funded educational institutions laid off employees for the summer. Most of these layoffs were part-time student workers. All of the mining employment gain was in petroleum which continues the pattern shown in recent months. Manufacturing was given a boost this May by the opening of the Montana de Fibra fiberboard plant and related operations in the Las Vegas area.

MAY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. May 1984	Revised Apr. 1984	May 1983	Change From Apr. 1984	May 1983
Civilian Labor Force	618,500	618,100	607,900	+400	+10,600
Employment	576,100	572,200	545,000	+3,900	+31,100
Unemployment	42,400	45,900	62,900	-3,500	-20,500
Rate	6.9%	7.4%	10.3%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS) (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAY 1984	Revised APR 1984	Revised MAY 1983	MAY APR 1984	Change From MAY 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}	497,100	493,500	478,000	+3,600	+19,100
MINING	21,800	21,600	20,600	+ 200	+ 1,200
Metal Mining	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	+ 200
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,600	13,400	12,600	+ 200	+ 1,000
CONSTRUCTION	36,500	34,900	33,400	+1,600	+ 3,100
MANUFACTURING	35,600	34,800	34,300	+ 800	+ 1,300
Durable Goods	22,700	22,200	21,800	+ 500	+ 900
Lumber and Wood Products	2,600	2,400	2,300	+ 200	+ 300
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	5,600	5,600	4,600	0	+ 1,000
Transportation Equipment	3,500	3,400	4,000	+ 100	- 500
Other Durable Goods	11,000	10,800	10,900	+ 200	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	12,900	12,600	12,500	+ 300	+ 400
Food and Kindred Products	3,900	3,800	4,000	+ 100	- 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,700	2,800	2,500	- 100	+ 200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,000	6,000	+ 300	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,300	29,400	29,700	- 100	- 400
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,400	2,200	- 100	+ 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Transportation	4,400	4,400	4,100	0	+ 300
Communication	7,600	7,500	8,200	+ 100	- 600
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,700	9,800	- 100	- 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	116,000	114,000	109,700	+2,000	+ 6,300
Wholesale Trade	21,600	21,500	21,400	+ 100	+ 200
Durable Goods	12,500	12,500	12,400	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,000	9,000	+ 100	+ 100
Retail Trade	94,400	92,500	88,300	+1,900	+ 6,100
General Merchandise Stores	10,800	10,700	10,000	+ 100	+ 800
Food Stores	14,000	13,900	12,700	+ 100	+ 1,300
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	12,500	12,400	12,100	+ 100	+ 400
Eating and Drinking Places	33,700	32,700	31,500	+1,000	+ 2,200
Other Retail Trade	23,400	22,800	22,000	+ 600	+ 1,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	24,200	23,900	23,100	+ 300	+ 1,100
Banking	8,500	8,400	8,100	+ 100	+ 400
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10,200	10,000	9,600	+ 200	+ 600
SERVICES	103,600	102,700	98,600	+ 900	+ 5,000
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,600	10,500	10,200	+ 100	+ 400
Personal Services	5,200	5,400	5,000	- 200	+ 200
Business Services	23,100	22,900	21,900	+ 200	+ 1,200
Health Services	25,600	25,600	25,000	0	+ 600
Social Services	6,900	6,800	6,700	+ 100	+ 200
Membership Organizations	5,400	5,300	5,000	+ 100	+ 400
Other Services	26,800	26,200	24,800	+ 600	+ 2,000
GOVERNMENT	130,100	132,200	128,600	-2,100	+ 1,500
Federal	30,100	29,900	29,500	+ 200	+ 600
State ^{2/}	43,600	45,900	44,200	-2,300	- 600
Local	56,400	56,400	54,900	0	+ 1,500

^{1/} Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

^{2/} Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate continued its decline in May, dropping to 5.7%, the lowest rate in five years. Preliminary estimates indicate employment grew by 1,300 during May and 15,100 over the year to a current level of 225,300. Nine hundred fewer persons were looking for work in May than in April, as the number of unemployed dropped to 13,500. Over the year, the number of unemployed is down by 5,900.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 1,700 jobs over

the month. The largest gain was in the retail trade subsector (+900), with eating and drinking places contributing a major portion (+400) to that gain. Construction was up 600 jobs in May, ranking it second in total job increases. Manufacturing posted a small addition, while services recorded the only loss (-100) from last month.

In the past year, nonagricultural payroll employment has grown by 10,600; all major industries except transportation & public utilities participated in the job growth.

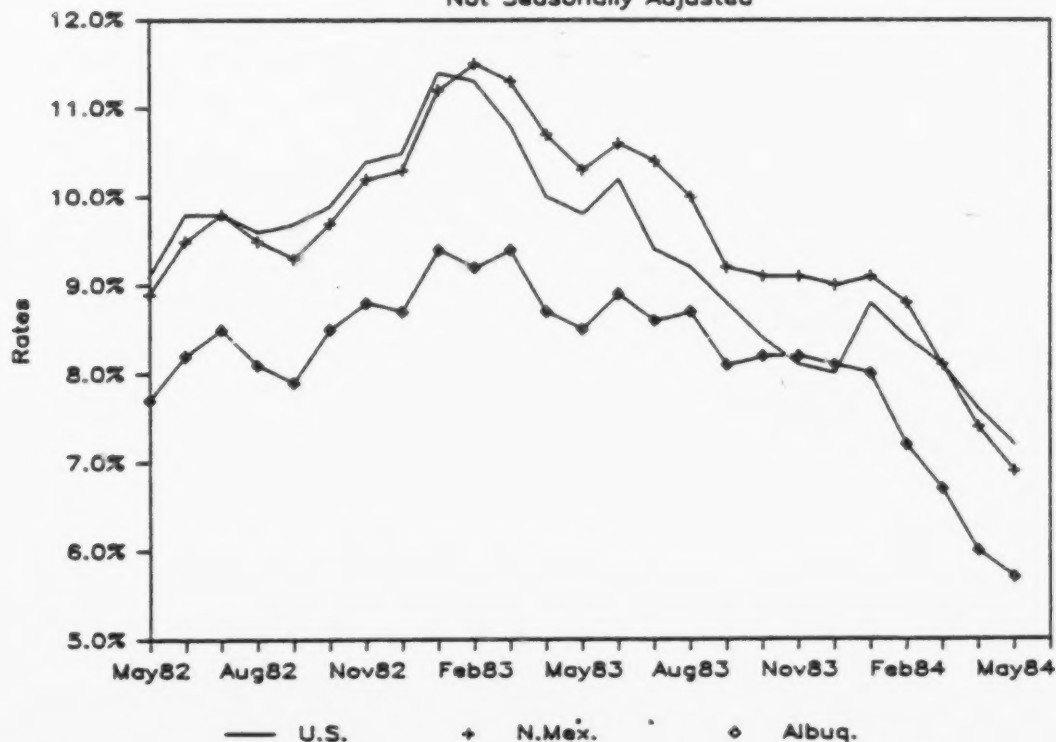
MAY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. May 1984	Revised Apr. 1984	Revised May 1983	Change From Apr. 1984	Change From May 1983
Civilian Labor Force	238,800	238,400	229,600	+400	+9,200
Employed	225,300	224,000	210,200	+1,300	+15,100
Unemployed	13,500	14,400	19,400	-900	-5,900
Rate	5.7%	6.0%	8.4%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAY 1984	Revised APR 1984	Revised MAY 1983	MAY Change From APR 1984 MAY 1983	
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	208,600	206,900	198,000	+1,700	+10,600
CONSTRUCTION	14,900	14,300	13,500	+ 600	+ 1,400
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,300	18,400	+ 100	+ 1,000
Durable Goods	13,700	13,700	12,900	0	+ 800
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,600	5,500	+ 100	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	11,800	12,100	0	- 300
Transportation	5,300	5,400	5,200	- 100	+ 100
Communication	4,100	4,000	4,400	+ 100	- 300
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	52,000	51,000	49,300	+1,000	+ 2,700
Wholesale Trade	13,200	13,100	13,000	+ 100	+ 200
Durable Goods	8,500	8,500	8,300	0	+ 200
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,600	4,700	+ 100	0
Retail Trade	38,800	37,900	36,300	+ 900	+ 2,500
General Merchandise Stores	4,100	4,000	3,700	+ 100	+ 400
Food Stores	4,400	4,300	3,900	+ 100	+ 500
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	4,500	4,400	4,300	+ 100	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	14,800	14,400	14,100	+ 400	+ 700
Other Retail Trade	11,000	10,800	10,300	+ 200	+ 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,300	12,200	11,700	+ 100	+ 600
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,400	3,300	+ 100	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,600	5,600	5,300	0	+ 300
SERVICES and MINING	52,900	53,000	49,800	- 100	+ 3,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,200	3,000	0	+ 200
Health Services	12,700	12,700	11,900	0	+ 800
Social Services	2,700	2,700	2,800	0	- 100
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,600	1,600	+ 100	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	32,600	32,800	30,500	- 200	+ 2,100
GOVERNMENT	45,300	45,300	43,200	0	+ 2,100
Federal	13,200	13,100	12,500	+ 100	+ 700
State	12,400	12,400	11,800	0	+ 600
Local	19,700	19,800	18,900	- 100	+ 800

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAY 1984	Revised APR 1984	Revised MAY 1983	May Change From APR 1984	May 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	35,425	35,250	33,150	+175	+2,275
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,500	2,275	+200	+ 425
MANUFACTURING	3,325	3,275	3,275	+ 50	+ 50
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,275	1,275	1,325	0	- 50
Transportation	575	575	550	0	+ 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	700	700	775	0	- 75
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	6,925	6,900	6,050	+ 25	+ 875
Wholesale Trade	775	775	750	0	+ 25
Retail Trade	6,150	6,125	5,300	+ 25	+ 850
General Merchandise Stores	800	775	675	+ 25	+ 125
Food Stores	950	975	750	- 25	+ 200
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	750	800	750	- 50	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,300	2,275	1,925	+ 25	+ 375
Other Retail Trade	1,350	1,300	1,200	+ 50	+ 150
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,375	1,375	1,275	0	+ 100
SERVICES & MINING	4,625	4,750	4,225	-125	+ 400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	575	575	600	0	- 25
Business Services	700	675	675	+ 25	+ 25
Health Services	1,125	1,050	925	+ 75	+ 200
Social Services	325	325	325	0	0
Other Services & Mining	1,900	2,125	1,700	-225	+ 200
GOVERNMENT	15,200	15,175	14,725	+ 25	+ 475
Federal	4,500	4,350	4,250	+150	+ 250
State	5,850	6,000	5,675	-150	+ 175
Local	4,850	4,825	4,800	+ 25	+ 50

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 1984	APR 1984	MAY 1983	MAY 1984	APR 1984	MAY 1983	MAY 1984	APR 1984	MAY 1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$492.78	\$476.72	\$463.14	43.0	42.3	41.8	\$11.46	\$11.27	\$11.08
CONSTRUCTION	404.32	385.51	366.78	38.0	36.3	36.1	10.64	10.62	10.16
MANUFACTURING	314.69	303.42	303.62	40.5	39.0	40.7	7.77	7.78	7.46
Durable Goods	329.26	313.99	319.84	40.7	39.2	41.7	8.09	8.01	7.67
Nondurable Gds	283.91	281.01	269.04	40.1	38.6	38.6	7.08	7.28	6.97
COMM and UTIL	423.50	420.43	392.35	40.8	40.7	40.2	10.38	10.33	9.76
TRADE *	258.02	267.98	250.99	35.2	35.4	35.4	7.33	7.57	7.09
BANKING	195.08	209.97	202.87	36.6	39.1	39.7	5.33	5.37	5.11
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	\$311.33	\$289.89	\$305.76	42.3	38.6	41.6	\$ 7.36	\$ 7.51	\$ 7.35

* Excludes Eating and Drinking Places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Levi-Strauss and Company has closed one of its two Albuquerque plants as part of a 10 percent cutback of its U.S. and European operations. The company closed its Vassar Drive NE plant and permanently laid off 210 management and production employees. Realty Mortgage and Investment Company plans a major expansion of its mortgage banking operation. The company will increase its Albuquerque staff from 54 to 75 people and open a new office in Las Cruces by the end of the year. J.C. Penney Company has begun a \$4 million remodeling project at its Winrock Shopping Center store. The selling area of the store will be increased by nearly 10,000 square-feet. Duffs Famous Smorgasbord restaurant has opened on Eubank NE. The 12,000-square-foot restaurant seats 400 and employs about 70 people. Construction has started on the 34,000-squarefoot St. Joseph West Mesa Professional Center. The center is expected to open by September 30. A new \$17 million high school is planned at Richfield and Wyoming NE. The 220,000-square-foot, \$12 million first phase is expected to be completed by the fall of 1986. Nisus Video Incorporated, a new company, plans to start production of three types of shuttered video cameras by late fall 1984. The company now employs 8 people and plans to hire a number of assemblers, video technicians and machinists. The Seagull Street Fish Market and Restaurant will open in July on Academy NE. The \$2 million, 9,200-square-foot restaurant and lounge will seat 350 people. The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority Board has tentatively approved a \$13.6 million bond issue for multi-family projects in Albuquerque and Las Cruces. The initial projects in Albuquerque are: Wellington West/Villa Ladera Apartments in the northwest, 280 units to be built by Presley Company; Netherwood Village Apartments, 210 units at the southwest corner of Indian School and University; and Skyline Apartments, 64 units on Skyline NE. The new \$4.5 million ocean park recreation area is expected to open by Memorial Day 1985 according to developers. The

park will include: a 25,000-square foot artificial ocean, inner-tube raft rides, waterslides and picnic areas. Construction of the park is scheduled to begin this winter. Kirk-Mayer Inc., an Indian owned firm, has received a \$3.1 million contract addition from Sandia National Laboratories. The contract addition will allow the company to increase its Albuquerque employment from about 65 people to 115. Last year, travelers spent \$700 million in Bernalillo County, according to the state Economic Development and Tourism Department. Tourism generated a county-wide payroll of about \$156 million and employment of about 17,000 people. Sky Scenes Inc., of Coronado Airport, will build a \$2 million fixed-based operator facility at the Double Eagle II airport. The new west mesa facility will cover about 193,000 square feet and employ about 40 people. The Houston-based Hines Industrial Company has announced construction is to start this summer on the first phase of the Park Square office and retail complex. The complex, located in the Uptown area, will eventually include three 10-story buildings costing about \$75 million.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO: A Carrizozo firm, Belco Industries, has received the "E" Award for Exports from the U.S. Department of Commerce "in recognition of outstanding contributions to the increase of U.S. trade abroad". The company, which employs 42 workers manufacturing small arc welders, is only the second New Mexico business to ever receive the award. Ground has been broken in Ruidoso for a \$1.7 million apartment complex. The complex is designed for middle income residents.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Work on Brantley Dam is expected to begin this fall, according to Bureau of Reclamation officials. Employment at the Brantley project could reach 450 by the end of this year and peak at 950 workers in 1985. The dam, which will cost an estimated \$250 million

to build, should be completed by 1988. Page and Wirtz of Amarillo, Tx. is building a \$1.3 million Furrs grocery store in Artesia which should be open by mid-October. A Kansas City, Mo. firm, Foley Company, was the low bidder on two large construction projects at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). Foley Company bid \$2.9 million to build the exhaust filter building at WIPP and \$3.6 million for the yard electrical system. WIPP officials expect employment at the project to be about 775 people by 1985.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Southwest Cannery of Portales has completed the \$4 million expansion of its soft drink canning operation which increases the plant area to 180,000 square feet. Llano Estacado Lamb Pack has opened a lamb slaughtering operation in Clovis which employs approximately 25 workers.

ESPANOLA AREA: The Administrative Board of the Espanola Hospital will reduce employee hours by 20 percent for almost all of the hospitals 214 full-time staff. A day care and senior citizens center will be built in the village of Canones. A \$254,000 Community Development Block Grant has made the project possible. The Center, planned to open this summer, will create about 10 temporary jobs and 6 long-term positions.

FARMINGTON AREA: The Plateau Refinery in Bloomfield is expected to close this fall if a buyer is not found. The closing would put about 120 people out of work. Site preparation has begun for a new Pizza Hut restaurant in Aztec. The Bloomfield City Council has approved a \$2.7 million industrial revenue bond issuance to finance a new 90-bed nursing home. The facility is scheduled to open within a year and employ about 45 people. The Tamale Factory is planning to expand its kitchen facilities as part of a move to wholesale tamales to food distributors throughout the southwest. The firm plans to employ up to 10 workers. Groundbreaking for a new 54-bed psychiatric hospital in Farmington was held in early June. The \$2.5 million facility, to be called Suncrest Hospital,

will initially employ about 50 people and eventually about 100 people.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: The Quivera Mining Company laid off about 275 employees at its Ambrosia Lake uranium operation. The company, which employed more than 1,500 during the 1970's, now has a workforce of about 425 at Ambrosia Lake and about 100 at Churchrock. A company spokesman said the layoffs were necessitated by the continued delays in nuclear power plant schedules and depressed uranium prices. The newly established Highway Department's District 6 headquarters is located in Grants. The new district will become effective July 1, 1984 with about 265 employees transferred in from the old District 3, about 20 from District 1, and about 40 positions to be filled locally over the next year. Logging activity is up in the Grants area this summer, with up to 15 truck loads of logs being hauled down from the Mt. Taylor and Zuni Mountains per day. The two logging operators working the area are Blevins Inc. and Bates Company. Blevins employ about 50 local residents.

LAS CRUCES AREA: A \$4.6 million contract has been awarded to Wooten Construction Company to build the new Sierra High School in Las Cruces. The project started in June and is expected to be completed for the fall 1985 school year. KASK-TV, Channel 48, a new TV station in Las Cruces, plans to broadcast in August. The new station expects to hire about 25 employees.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Community Development Block Grant's have been approved for projects in San Miguel and Mora Counties. Las Vegas will receive \$150,000 for a senior citizens center, and San Miguel County has been allotted \$300,000 for rehabilitation of substandard housing. Mora County will be receiving \$250,000 for a senior citizens center.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: The U.S. Department of Energy has awarded a \$490,000 construction contract to Western States Mechanical

Contractors Inc. to build two trailer bay buildings at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Hot Hole Instruments will receive \$336,000 in a federal Community Development Block Grant. The money will be used to build a 5,000 square-foot manufacturing facility in Los Alamos.

RATON AREA: The Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron opened in mid-June. The ranch employs about 600 people during its 68-day season and about 45 people year-round.

ROSWELL AREA: Titan Energy Engineering Company, which operates four ethanol fuel plants in the Roswell area and nine plants in Clovis, has laid off approximately 12 workers; and the company plans to sell several of its facilities. Aircraft & Engine Services, Inc. has opened at the Roswell Industrial Air Center. The company specializes in overhauling turbine radial engines and rebuilding aircraft, and plans to employ about 15 mechanics.

SANTA FE AREA: Work began in May on a \$1.6 million renovation of the historic Marian Hall on Palace Avenue. The 31,000 square-foot building is scheduled to be completed in January 1985. The Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, just north of Glorieta, N.M., is now coming in to its peak season. Employment at the center is expected to increase from 120 full-time employees to about 400 temporary seasonal employees. Universal Industries, a door manufacturer, has begun construction of a new \$500,000, 15,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in the Joseph E. Valdes Industrial Park. The new plant is expected to be completed by the end of the year and employment will increase to about 25 people.

SILVER CITY AREA: A \$400,000 expansion and remodeling project has been announced for the Drifter and Copper motels and the Red Barn Steakhouse. About \$150,000 will be spent to construct a lounge and enclosed swimming pool at the Red Barn, and a total of 137-motel rooms will be renovated. The construction and remodeling will create about 12 jobs. Chino Mines Company, a subsidiary of Kennecott, has

announced cuts and changes in three areas. The company will: close the mine refinery on July 1, affecting about 25 people; lower the stripping ratio at the Santa Rita mine, laying off about 25 people; and terminate all security guards, affecting about 19 people.

TAOS AREA: Amalia Lumber Co, the largest lumber producing mill in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Texas, closed in July. The Company permanently laid off over 90 employees. Angel Fire, Red River, and Rio Castillo Ski Areas report they had their biggest season ever this past winter. Angel Fire reported skier days up 17% from last year, and Red River increased about 12%. Although Rio Castillo's skier days were not available, they reported large increases. Taos has received a \$1.25 million HUD grant to build a water transmission line to transport 400 acre feet of Rio Grande water annually from Las Cordovas to Taos. Questa will receive a Community Development Block Grant for \$150,000. The grant gives Questa a total of \$380,000 to build a new headquarters for the senior citizens and headstart programs which service northern Taos County. The Development Company at Angel Fire plans to build a 135,000-square-foot Year-round resort which will cost \$16.3 million and have 82 suites.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

May 1984	CPI-U	309.7	(Base 1967=100)
	CPI-W	305.4	

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

PRELIMINARY MAY 1984 1/

REVISED APRIL 1984 1/

REVISED MAY 1983 1/

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	618,489	576,119	42,370	6.9%	618,124	572,179	45,945	7.4%	607,930	545,037	62,893	10.3%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	238,794	225,280	13,514	5.7%	238,418	224,022	14,396	6.0%	229,715	210,299	19,416	8.5%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	43,938	40,815	3,123	7.1%	43,320	40,370	2,950	6.8%	41,919	37,920	3,999	9.5%
Catron	953	851	102	10.7%	972	821	151	15.5%	946	818	128	13.5%
Chaves	24,754	23,483	1,271	5.1%	24,728	23,254	1,474	6.0%	24,515	22,267	2,248	9.2%
Cibola	11,346	10,163	1,183	10.4%	11,555	10,221	1,334	11.5%	11,926	9,330	2,596	21.8%
Colfax	6,782	6,162	620	9.1%	6,572	5,823	749	11.4%	6,794	5,905	889	13.1%
Curry	15,469	14,450	1,019	6.6%	15,218	14,266	952	6.3%	15,581	14,169	1,412	9.1%
Do Baca	1,014	961	53	5.2%	1,023	956	67	6.5%	991	917	74	7.5%
Eddy	23,730	21,718	2,012	8.5%	23,800	21,605	2,195	9.2%	24,635	20,981	3,654	14.8%
Grant	9,687	8,711	976	10.1%	9,730	8,653	1,077	11.1%	10,301	8,104	2,197	21.3%
Guadalupe	1,481	1,387	94	6.3%	1,483	1,376	107	7.2%	1,489	1,393	96	6.4%
Harding	568	546	22	3.9%	562	538	24	4.3%	531	510	21	4.0%
Hidalgo	2,391	2,281	110	4.6%	2,423	2,272	151	6.2%	2,508	2,280	228	9.1%
Lea	31,416	30,182	1,234	3.9%	31,405	29,918	1,487	4.7%	32,737	30,166	2,571	7.9%
Lincoln	8,595	8,327	268	3.1%	7,612	7,296	316	4.2%	8,158	7,899	259	3.2%
Los Alamos	11,176	11,001	175	1.6%	11,241	11,078	163	1.5%	10,745	10,481	264	2.5%
Luna	5,075	4,515	560	11.0%	4,958	4,359	599	12.1%	5,073	4,392	681	13.4%
McKinley	17,563	15,978	1,585	9.0%	17,620	15,849	1,771	10.1%	18,060	15,014	3,046	16.9%
Mora	1,063	757	306	28.8%	1,055	721	334	31.7%	1,104	759	345	31.3%
Otero	15,077	14,144	933	6.2%	15,063	14,012	1,051	7.0%	15,152	13,838	1,314	8.7%
Quay	5,193	4,817	376	7.2%	5,125	4,712	413	8.1%	5,274	4,696	578	11.0%
Rio Arriba	11,759	9,905	1,854	15.8%	12,080	9,857	2,223	18.4%	11,322	8,906	2,416	21.3%
Roosevelt	7,525	7,165	360	4.8%	7,881	7,588	293	3.7%	7,839	7,337	502	6.4%
San Juan	37,029	32,946	4,083	11.0%	37,545	32,933	4,612	12.3%	37,399	31,595	5,804	15.5%
San Miguel	9,108	8,091	1,017	11.2%	9,035	7,963	1,072	11.9%	8,736	7,551	1,185	13.6%
Santa Fe	42,826	40,881	1,945	4.5%	42,820	40,666	2,154	5.0%	41,382	38,781	2,601	6.3%
Sierra	2,511	2,415	96	3.8%	2,548	2,436	112	4.4%	2,598	2,419	179	6.9%
Socorro	4,983	4,629	354	7.1%	5,102	4,676	426	8.3%	4,793	4,393	400	8.3%
Taos	10,628	8,724	1,904	17.9%	11,099	9,060	2,039	18.4%	10,435	8,221	2,214	21.2%
Torrance	2,224	2,057	167	7.5%	2,233	2,059	174	7.8%	2,244	2,118	126	5.6%
Union	2,636	2,510	126	4.8%	2,612	2,474	138	5.3%	2,317	2,153	164	7.1%
Valencia	11,195	10,267	928	8.3%	11,286	10,325	961	8.5%	10,711	9,425	1,286	12.0%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

3/ Dona Ana County

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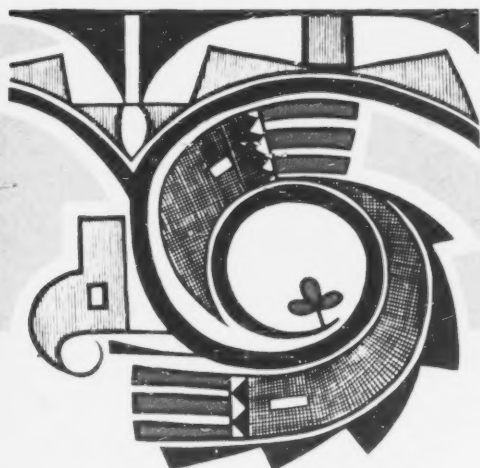
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HIGHLIGHTS

The New Mexico economy continued strong in most areas according to preliminary June labor force estimates. Although the state's unemployment rate increased sharply in June, this was largely due to the usual summertime entrance of youth into the labor force. Since peaking in February of last year, the state's unemployment rate has experienced almost unbroken improvement, and the current rate of 7.5 percent is the lowest June jobless rate since 1979. The U.S. unemployment situation also continued to improve in June. The national jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 7.4 percent, down from its recessionary high of 11.4 percent in January 1983.

New Mexico's nonagricultural payroll estimates, based on a monthly sample of employers across the state, indicated an overall

increase of 4,300 jobs in June. Strong summer-type expansion occurred in construction, lodging places, restaurants, department stores, and membership organizations (mostly scouting and religious camps). Normal seasonal employment decreases were reported in transportation, private education and government, all due to the summer break at educational institutions. Unfortunately, June reports also reflected some bad news. Layoffs occurred at two Grants area uranium mines (Quivera and Homestake), and Levi Strauss closed one of their two manufacturing plants in Albuquerque during the month.

In June, New Mexico areas with the lowest unemployment rates were Los Alamos, Lincoln, Sierra, and Lea counties; Mora, Taos, and Rio Arriba counties experienced the highest unemployment rates in the state.

JUNE SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. June 1984	Revised May 1984	June 1983	Change From May 1984	June 1983
Civilian Labor Force	625,700	618,100	617,500	+7,600	+8,200
Employment	578,500	575,800	551,900	+2,700	+26,600
Unemployment	47,200	42,300	65,600	+4,900	-18,400
Rate	7.5%	6.8%	10.6%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUN 1984	Revised MAY 1984	Revised JUN 1983	JUN MAY 1984	Change From JUN 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	500,600	496,300	481,600	+4,300	+19,000
MINING	21,700	21,600	20,400	+ 100	+ 1,300
Metal Mining	3,800	4,000	4,100	- 200	- 300
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,300	4,200	3,600	+ 100	+ 700
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,600	13,400	12,700	+ 200	+ 900
CONSTRUCTION	38,100	36,500	36,000	+1,600	+ 2,100
MANUFACTURING	35,800	35,500	34,400	+ 300	+ 1,400
Durable Goods	23,100	22,800	21,700	+ 300	+ 1,400
Lumber and Wood Products	2,700	2,600	2,500	+ 100	+ 200
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	5,700	5,700	4,600	0	+ 1,100
Transportation Equipment	3,500	3,500	3,800	0	- 300
Other Durable Goods	11,200	11,000	10,800	+ 200	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	12,700	12,700	12,700	0	0
Food and Kindred Products	4,000	3,900	4,000	+ 100	0
Textiles and Apparel	2,600	2,700	2,600	- 100	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	27,900	29,100	28,900	-1,200	- 1,000
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	5,300	5,400	5,400	- 100	- 100
Other Transportation	3,400	4,400	3,200	-1,000	+ 200
Communication	7,400	7,400	8,200	0	- 800
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,500	9,600	9,800	- 100	- 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	118,100	116,200	111,800	+1,900	+ 6,300
Wholesale Trade	21,800	21,600	21,700	+ 200	+ 100
Durable Goods	12,600	12,500	12,600	+ 100	0
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,100	9,100	+ 100	+ 100
Retail Trade	96,300	94,600	90,100	+1,700	+ 6,200
General Merchandise Stores	11,200	11,000	10,200	+ 200	+ 1,000
Food Stores	14,200	14,200	12,900	0	+ 1,300
Auto Dlr. and Service Stations	12,500	12,400	12,300	+ 100	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	34,600	33,800	32,400	+ 800	+ 2,200
Other Retail Trade	23,800	23,200	22,300	+ 600	+ 1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	24,600	24,200	23,500	+ 400	+ 1,100
Banking	8,600	8,500	8,200	+ 100	+ 400
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,600	5,500	5,500	+ 100	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10,400	10,200	9,800	+ 200	+ 600
SERVICES	105,900	103,400	102,000	+2,500	+ 3,900
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,300	10,700	10,700	+ 600	+ 600
Personal Services	5,200	5,200	5,000	0	+ 200
Business Services	23,400	23,100	22,200	+ 300	+ 1,200
Health Services	26,000	25,700	25,500	+ 300	+ 500
Social Services	6,800	6,900	6,700	- 100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	6,700	5,400	6,600	+1,300	+ 100
Other Services	26,500	26,400	25,300	+ 100	+ 1,200
GOVERNMENT	128,500	129,800	124,600	-1,300	+ 3,900
Federal	30,900	30,200	30,300	+ 700	+ 600
State 2/	41,100	43,000	40,600	-1,900	+ 500
Local	56,500	56,600	53,700	- 100	+ 2,800

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

As expected, the Albuquerque area unemployment rate rose substantially in June. This was the first increase in the unemployment rate this year and was due largely to the influx of students and graduates into the labor market. Also contributing to increased unemployment were the seasonal layoffs of school bus drivers and non-contract educational employees. An additional factor this June was the closing of one of the two Levi Strauss manufacturing plants employing about 200 workers.

Seasonal factors were predominant in the June employment changes. Large job gains

occurred in construction, trade, services, and government, while transportation registered an employment loss over the month.

Albuquerque's labor force and nonagricultural payroll statistics are considerably improved from a year ago. The unemployment rate has fallen from 8.9 to 6.6 percent; 4,900 fewer people are unemployed; and 13,200 more people are working than in June 1983. The transportation & public utilities sector is the only major industry group not sharing in the employment growth over the past year.

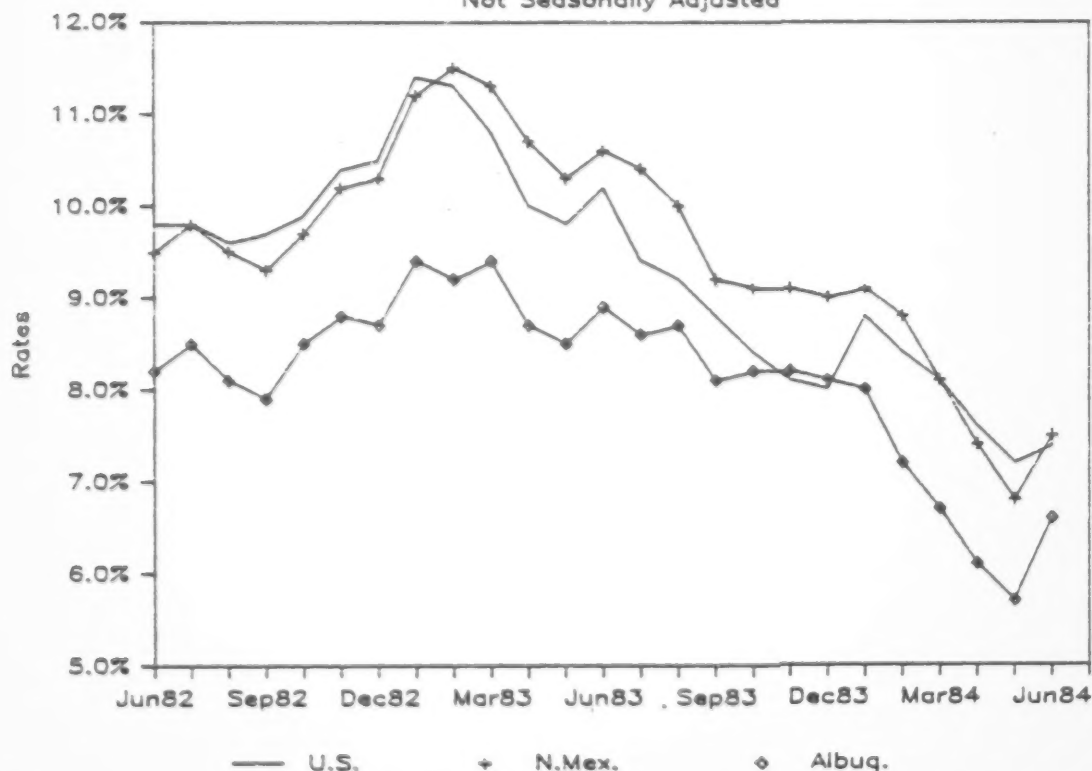
JUNE SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. June 1984	Revised May 1984	June 1983	Change From May 1984	June 1983
Civilian Labor Force	240,800	237,500	232,500	+3,300	+8,300
Employed	224,900	224,000	211,700	+900	+13,200
Unemployed	15,900	13,500	20,800	+2,400	-4,900
Rate	6.6%	5.7%	8.9%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUN 1984	Revised MAY 1984	Revised JUN 1983	JUN Change From MAY 1984	JUN 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT ^{1/}	209,300	206,800	198,600	+2,500	+10,700
CONSTRUCTION	15,800	14,900	14,300	+ 900	+ 1,500
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,400	18,500	0	+ 900
Durable Goods	13,800	13,700	13,000	+ 100	+ 800
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,700	5,500	- 100	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,300	11,800	11,800	- 500	- 500
Transportation	4,900	5,400	4,900	- 500	0
Communication	4,000	4,000	4,400	0	- 400
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	52,600	52,000	50,000	+ 600	+ 2,600
Wholesale Trade	13,200	13,200	13,100	0	+ 100
Durable Goods	8,500	8,500	8,400	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Retail Trade	39,400	38,800	36,900	+ 600	+ 2,500
General Merchandise Stores	4,200	4,100	3,800	+ 100	+ 400
Food Stores	4,300	4,400	4,000	- 100	+ 300
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	4,500	4,400	4,400	+ 100	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	15,200	14,900	14,300	+ 300	+ 900
Other Retail Trade	11,200	11,000	10,400	+ 200	+ 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,500	12,300	11,900	+ 200	+ 600
Banking	3,300	3,200	3,100	+ 100	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,700	5,600	5,400	+ 100	+ 300
SERVICES and MINING	53,600	52,800	50,500	+ 800	+ 3,100
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,300	3,200	3,000	+ 100	+ 300
Health Services	12,900	12,700	12,100	+ 200	+ 800
Social Services	2,600	2,700	2,700	- 100	- 100
Membership Organizations	1,900	1,600	1,800	+ 300	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	32,900	32,600	30,900	+ 300	+ 2,000
GOVERNMENT	44,100	43,600	41,600	+ 500	+ 2,500
Federal	13,400	13,200	12,700	+ 200	+ 700
State	10,400	10,700	10,200	- 300	+ 200
Local	20,300	19,700	18,700	+ 600	+ 1,600

^{1/} Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUN 1984	Revised MAY 1984	Revised JUN 1983	JUN Change From MAY 1984	JUN 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	35,075	35,925	32,825	-850	+2,250
CONSTRUCTION	2,900	2,650	2,575	+250	+ 325
MANUFACTURING	3,275	3,300	3,200	- 25	+ 75
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,275	1,200	-125	- 50
Transportation	425	575	400	-150	+ 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	725	700	800	+ 25	- 75
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,375	7,225	6,225	+150	+1,150
Wholesale Trade	775	775	775	0	0
Retail Trade	6,600	6,450	5,450	+150	+1,150
General Merchandise Stores	800	775	700	+ 25	+ 100
Food Stores	1,225	1,175	750	+ 50	+ 475
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	775	750	750	+ 25	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,450	2,400	2,050	+ 50	+ 400
Other Retail Trade	1,350	1,350	1,200	0	+ 150
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,400	1,375	1,300	+ 25	+ 100
SERVICES & MINING	4,650	4,900	4,325	-250	+ 325
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	575	575	600	0	- 25
Business Services	725	700	700	+ 25	+ 25
Health Services	1,125	1,125	975	0	+ 150
Social Services	325	325	325	0	0
Other Services & Mining	1,900	2,175	1,725	-275	+ 175
GOVERNMENT	14,325	15,200	14,000	-875	+ 325
Federal	4,600	4,500	4,550	+100	+ 50
State	4,900	5,850	4,775	-950	+ 125
Local	4,825	4,850	4,675	- 25	+ 150

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUN 1984	MAY 1984	JUN 1983	JUN 1984	MAY 1984	JUN 1983	JUN 1984	MAY 1984	JUN 1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$481.32	\$487.99	\$485.78	42.0	43.3	42.8	\$11.46	\$11.27	\$11.35
CONSTRUCTION	371.31	383.09	370.30	36.8	36.8	36.7	10.09	10.41	10.09
MANUFACTURING	324.80	316.20	297.47	40.0	40.8	39.4	8.12	7.75	7.55
Durable Goods	334.51	330.86	312.29	40.4	41.1	40.4	8.28	8.05	7.73
Nondurable Gds	303.03	283.91	265.61	39.1	40.1	37.2	7.75	7.08	7.14
COMM and UTIL	427.33	427.81	406.48	40.2	40.9	41.1	10.63	10.46	9.89
TRADE *	256.98	258.02	256.69	35.3	35.2	35.8	7.28	7.33	7.17
BANKING	195.04	193.65	198.50	36.3	36.4	38.1	5.30	5.32	5.21

ALBUQUERQUE

MANUFACTURING	\$306.53	\$295.97	\$297.88	39.4	40.6	40.2	\$ 7.78	\$ 7.29	\$ 7.41
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* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: The Small Business High Technology Institute of Washington, D.C. has awarded seven small high-tech New Mexico firms grants totaling \$449,000 for scientific research work. Four of the firms are based in Albuquerque, and one each are in Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Socorro. Public Service Company of New Mexico officials reported that employment on its Eastern Interconnection Project between Albuquerque and Clovis is now at its peak with approximately 370 workers. The new powerline is scheduled to be in operation by September of this year.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Moncor Inc. has started construction on its downtown headquarters office building. The 16-story tower, located between Second and Fifth streets north of Lomas Boulevard, will cost an estimated \$45 million and should be completed in 1986. The Sanger Harris department store in Coronado Shopping Center will open August 2. The 126,000-square-foot store has hired 250 employees, of which all but 10 are from Albuquerque. Albuquerque's Signetics plant is expected to have its second 27,000-square-foot wafer fabrication unit on line within a year to 18 months. Signetics currently employs about 600 people, and when the second unit comes on line the company expects to employ about 400 additional workers. Sperry Flight Systems will begin construction in mid-September on a \$15.2 million, 208,000-square-foot plant addition. Sperry's current workforce is 1,550, and when the new addition is completed in July of next year employment at Sperry's plant should be around 1,900. Officials of United States Satellite Broadcasting Company Inc. (USSB) have announced plans to locate a transmission facility on the West Mesa which could mean at least 100 jobs by 1987. USSB is currently looking for a 10-acre site on which to locate the satellite broadcasting operation. Albertsons Inc. opened a new 42,000-square-foot supermarket in June at Coors and Montano Roads N.W. Plans are underway

to build a \$1.2 million ice rink at Tramway Road and Tramway Boulevard. The facility is expected to open by October. A Sunwest Financial Services report indicates building permits in Albuquerque for the first five months of 1984 are more than double the same period in 1983. The value of permits for apartments is up 19 times from a year ago, with 2,720 units compared to 136 units in 1983. Construction has begun on the 20,000-square-foot Sequoia Square Shopping Center at the intersection of Coors Boulevard and Sequoia Road. The shopping center will cost about \$1.4 million and include 12 retail stores. Jack M. Clifford & Company has revealed plans to develop a \$10 million, seven-story office building in Albuquerque's Uptown district. The 107,000-square-foot structure will be the fifth of six buildings that will fill the American Financial Center complex. Quikrite, a nationwide company which makes a full line of high-grade concrete mixes, has opened a franchise manufacturing facility on Second St. N.W. employing about 10 persons.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Scott Air, Inc. of Alamogordo reached a sales milestone in June when the company shipped over \$300,000 in products. The company, which employs 70 persons, manufactures electric motors used in bus air conditioning systems.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Brinderson Corporation was awarded a \$25.5 million contract to construct a waste control building at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Price Development Company of Salt Lake City is expected to start construction on a 200,000-square-foot shopping mall in Clovis by late September. The North Plains Mall will have J.C. Penney, Walmart, and Beall's department stores and numerous small

shops. The projected opening date for the new mall is October 1985. Energy Fuels Development Corporation officials have expanded their plans for the new alcohol fuels plant in the Portales Industrial Park. Cost estimates for the plant, which should be under construction late this summer, were increased to approximately \$25 million. Completion is expected in December 1985 when about 50 persons will be employed at the facility. Work has started on a new \$1.6 million Furr's Supermarket in Portales, and the new Albertsons grocery store under construction in Clovis is expected to open in late August.

DEMING/LORDSBURG AREA: New Mexico Wineries is now employing approximately 20 persons at their Hidalgo County vineyard and winery operation. The firm planted its vineyard two years ago and has almost completed construction on its \$500,000 winery plant. Wine production should start late this summer.

ESPANOLA AREA: Ojo Caliente Craftsmen Inc., a local manufacturing firm, has been awarded an initial contract with the U.S. Forest Service to produce cattle guards. The firm currently employs about 40 workers and could add another 20 workers over the next two years, according to company officials. Hacienda de Salud, a \$3.2 million nursing home, opened its doors in June. The Espanola facility plans to hire 75 to 100 employees. Krow Construction Inc. of Colorado has been awarded the initial contract of about \$1.8 million to build three diversion dams in the Velarde Acequias project. The total project is expected to cost between \$15 and \$16 million. The first phase construction should begin by September, with completion next summer. The Espanola Housing Authority has been awarded \$563,000 from HUD for the renovation of 153 homes of low income individuals in the area.

FARMINGTON AREA: Larry Perkins Contracting Inc. of Farmington has won a bid to build four classrooms at McCoy Elementary School in Aztec. The project will cost about \$275,000.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: Western Nuclear has called back 70 employees at its mine near Crownpoint. Unfortunately, the call back is not the result of an improved uranium market but is a move to minimize losses. The Pittsburg and Midway Mining Company plans to hire an additional 100 employees later this year or early next year. The company's coal mine, located about 20 miles northwest of Gallup, will mine an additional 600,000 tons of coal a year to meet the requirements of the Salt River Project's Coronado Generating Station near St. Johns, Arizona. Staffing at the Plains Escalante Generating Station at Prewitt has been completed. The company created about 115 jobs and will have a payroll of about \$3.7 million per year. The Santa Fe Coal Corporation has hired about 50 lead and administrative personnel for its Lee Ranch coal mine. Construction at the mine is expected to be completed by the first of August. The company plans to have about 100 employees by January and about 400 in a couple of years.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Work is underway on a new \$500,000 headquarters in Hobbs for Martindale Petroleum. Lea County continued to lead the Permian Basin in the number of oil drilling rigs in operation according to the latest figures. A total of 34 drilling units were making hole in the county.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Four shops in the Mesilla Valley Mall have closed their doors. Pier I Imports, Gilberts, Honey Bear Hollow, and Muleskinners all closed due to lack of business. The \$1.6 million Las Cruces Health Center is in the final stages of construction. The 36,000-square-foot facility will provide care and housing for 120 elderly patients. Wal-Mart

Stores Inc., a national chain of discount department stores, is planning to construct an 80,000-square-foot store at Lohman Ave. and Interstate 25 beginning this fall. The new store is expected to employ about 100 persons when it opens in the spring of 1985.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Construction began in July on a 4,600-square-foot addition to the Los Alamos National Laboratory Cryogenics Building. The new wing will contain offices and conference rooms and cost about \$488,200. Snider-Chapman Construction, Inc. of Santa Fe has been awarded the construction contract for the project. Western States Mechanical Contractors, Inc. of Albuquerque has received a contract to construct two buried multiple structures, one underpass and one arch. The project will cost about \$490,000. Work started in July and completion is expected in about eight months.

RATON AREA: The Santa Fe Railway has called back over 40 workers due to increased railroad business. The called back workers included 12 train crews and 30 tie gang workers. The Federal Aviation Administration has approved about \$662,000 as 90 percent funding for reconstructing the runway at Clayton Airport. The Town of Clayton and the state aviation agency will fund the 10 percent remaining. Amoco Production Company recently celebrated the start of carbon dioxide production at its newly completed compressor plant south of Clayton. This marks the end of Amoco's phase 1 development of the one-million-acre Bravo Dome CO2 reservoir, which included the plant, 50 wells, and construction of 50 miles of gathering lines. Phase 2 development, scheduled for completion by the end of this year, includes a second compressor plant and gathering lines for 177 wells.

SANTA FE AREA: Las Campas RV Park will be the first recreational vehicle park in Santa Fe. The 100-space, \$1.9 million RV park will be located on Cerrillos Road.

Nambe Mills employs more than 80 people in the manufacture and marketing of Nambe cookware and decorative pieces. A company spokesman said that in 1983 Nambe's sales and profits increased 29 percent and 25 percent respectively over those in 1982. The company has opened a new showroom in Santa Fe. The developers of the 666,000-square-foot Villa Linda Mall took out a construction permit for \$8 million in June. The regional mall plans to open in July 1985.

SOCORRO/BELÉN: Remodeling has begun on the old Nuestadt Shopping Center in Los Lunas for what will be a \$1.3 million professional office complex. The new complex will be called the Mondel Plaza. A new McDonald's restaurant is under construction in Belén. The restaurant, which will seat about 89 people, is expected to open in October.

TAOS AREA: The Carson National Forest has hired about 25 seasonal workers, boosting its total workforce to about 300 persons. The Taos Ski Valley has hired about 25 workers to help clear trails and install a new ski lift. The ski area is employing a total of about 100 workers.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

June 1984 CPI-U 310.7 (Base 1967=100)
CPI-W 306.2

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATENIDE	625,666	578,516	47,150	7.5%	618,075	575,754	42,321	6.8%	617,508	551,948	65,560	10.6%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	240,777	224,853	15,924	6.6%	237,522	224,035	13,487	5.7%	232,462	211,687	20,775	8.9%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	44,185	40,952	3,233	7.3%	44,648	41,510	3,138	7.0%	41,114	37,067	4,047	9.8%
Catron	929	835	94	10.1%	951	853	98	10.3%	933	810	123	13.2%
Chaves	24,956	23,482	1,474	5.9%	24,784	23,514	1,270	5.1%	24,939	22,626	2,313	9.3%
Cibola	11,835	10,128	1,707	14.4%	11,307	10,132	1,175	10.4%	12,342	9,556	2,786	22.6%
Colfax	7,525	6,942	583	7.7%	6,794	6,171	623	9.2%	7,737	6,685	1,052	13.6%
Curry	15,553	14,477	1,076	6.9%	15,495	14,469	1,026	6.6%	15,530	14,314	1,216	8.4%
De Baca	1,102	1,032	70	6.4%	1,014	962	52	5.1%	1,100	1,013	87	7.9%
Eddy	23,975	21,805	2,170	9.1%	23,761	21,747	2,014	8.5%	25,284	20,953	4,331	17.1%
Grant	9,612	8,637	975	10.1%	9,912	8,935	977	9.9%	10,328	8,178	2,150	20.8%
Guadalupe	1,492	1,386	106	7.1%	1,482	1,389	93	6.3%	1,541	1,409	132	8.6%
Harding	591	565	26	4.4%	569	547	22	3.9%	572	551	21	3.7%
Hidalgo	2,463	2,321	142	5.8%	2,394	2,284	110	4.6%	2,545	2,316	229	9.0%
Lea	32,110	30,723	1,387	4.3%	31,453	30,222	1,231	3.9%	33,293	30,617	2,676	8.0%
Lincoln	9,229	8,920	309	3.3%	8,609	8,339	270	3.1%	8,824	8,459	365	4.1%
Los Alamos	11,453	11,131	322	2.8%	11,188	11,015	173	1.5%	10,994	10,744	250	2.3%
Luna	5,304	4,675	629	11.9%	5,081	4,521	560	11.0%	5,262	4,566	696	13.2%
McKinley	17,317	15,564	1,753	10.1%	17,583	16,000	1,583	9.0%	18,561	15,331	3,230	17.4%
Mora	1,105	795	310	28.1%	1,062	758	304	28.6%	1,123	781	342	30.5%
Otero	15,306	14,250	1,056	6.9%	15,101	14,163	938	6.2%	15,268	13,991	1,277	8.4%
Quay	5,400	4,961	439	8.1%	5,196	4,824	372	7.2%	5,549	4,940	609	11.0%
Rio Arriba	11,886	10,023	1,863	15.7%	11,761	9,918	1,843	15.7%	11,240	9,035	2,205	19.6%
Roosevelt	7,119	6,809	310	4.4%	7,207	6,851	356	4.9%	7,648	7,187	461	6.0%
San Juan	37,147	32,780	4,367	11.8%	37,063	32,990	4,073	11.0%	38,003	32,032	5,971	15.7%
San Miguel	9,299	8,171	1,128	12.1%	9,122	8,102	1,020	11.2%	8,168	7,033	1,135	13.9%
Santa Fe	43,461	41,310	2,151	4.9%	42,873	40,936	1,937	4.5%	42,962	40,208	2,754	6.4%
Sierra	2,499	2,403	96	3.8%	2,513	2,418	95	3.8%	2,570	2,402	168	6.5%
Socorro	5,055	4,645	410	8.1%	4,988	4,635	353	7.1%	4,860	4,427	433	8.9%
Taos	10,769	9,045	1,724	16.0%	10,535	8,736	1,899	17.9%	10,869	8,951	1,918	17.6%
Torrance	2,342	2,164	178	7.6%	2,226	2,060	166	7.5%	2,339	2,210	129	5.5%
Union	2,630	2,500	130	4.9%	2,612	2,483	129	4.9%	2,366	2,215	151	6.4%
Valencia	11,240	10,232	1,008	9.0%	11,169	10,235	934	8.4%	11,082	9,654	1,428	12.9%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

3/ Dona Ana County

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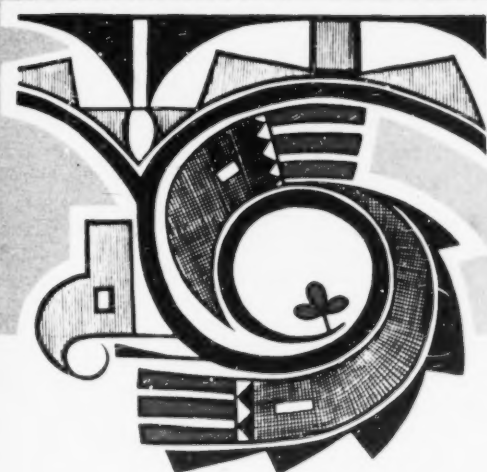
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New Mexico Labor Market Review

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's economy remained steady in July according to preliminary labor force estimates. The state's unemployment rate was unchanged from June at 7.4 percent, with only minor shifts in total employment and unemployment. One year ago New Mexico's unemployment rate was a substantial 10.4 percent. The U.S. jobless rate (not seasonally adjusted) this July was 7.5 percent, up slightly from June but significantly improved from 9.4 percent in July of last year.

Industry employment changes in July were for the most part relatively normal. Government experienced a large 4,800 reduction due to summer layoffs of non-contract workers at state and local schools. Employment in the services industry increased by 900 jobs over the month - mostly in the lodging, health and amusements sub-sectors.

Although most reports were favorable in July, a few unexpected employment reductions were recorded. In manufacturing, layoffs were reported by two firms in textiles & apparel (one in Las Cruces and one in Albuquerque), and a temporary shutdown occurred at a durable goods manufacturer in the Alamogordo area. Also, the metal mining sub-sector continued to show the effects of last month's layoffs at two Grants area uranium mines (Quivera and Homestake).

Over the last year, total nonagricultural employment in New Mexico grew by 13,600, and approximately 85 percent (11,600) of this increase was in three sectors - trade, services and construction. Manufacturing, mining, and finance, insurance & real estate posted increases of about 1,000 each, while transportation, communications & utilities and government had fewer jobs this July than one year ago.

JULY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. July 1984	Revised June 1984	July 1983	Change From June 1984	July 1983
Civilian Labor Force	623,700	624,800	620,300	-1,100	+3,400
Employment	577,400	578,600	555,900	-1,200	+21,500
Unemployment	46,300	46,200	64,400	+ 100	-18,100
Rate	7.4%	7.4%	10.4%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUL 1984	Revised JUN 1984	Revised JUL 1983	JUL JUN 1984	Change From JUL 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	496,400	500,900	482,800	-4,500	+13,600
MINING	21,400	21,700	20,300	+ 300	+ 1,100
Metal Mining	3,700	3,800	4,100	- 100	- 400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,300	4,300	3,400	0	+ 900
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,400	13,600	12,800	- 200	+ 600
CONSTRUCTION	38,300	38,200	36,100	+ 100	+ 2,200
MANUFACTURING	35,100	35,700	34,100	- 600	+ 1,000
Durable Goods	22,800	23,000	21,900	- 200	+ 900
Lumber and Wood Products	2,700	2,700	2,500	0	+ 200
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	5,800	5,700	4,700	+ 100	+ 1,100
Transportation Equipment	3,500	3,500	3,700	0	- 200
Other Durable Goods	10,800	11,100	11,000	- 300	- 200
Nondurable Goods	12,300	12,700	12,200	- 400	+ 100
Food and Kindred Products	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	+ 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,300	2,600	2,400	- 300	- 100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,000	6,100	5,900	- 100	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,100	28,100	29,000	0	- 900
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	5,300	5,300	5,500	0	- 200
Other Transportation	3,400	3,500	3,200	- 100	+ 200
Communication	7,400	7,400	8,200	0	- 800
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,700	9,600	9,800	+ 100	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	118,200	118,200	112,600	0	+ 5,600
Wholesale Trade	21,800	21,800	21,600	0	+ 200
Durable Goods	12,600	12,600	12,600	0	0
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,000	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	96,400	96,400	91,000	0	+ 5,400
General Merchandise Stores	11,400	11,300	10,400	+ 100	+ 1,000
Food Stores	14,400	14,200	13,100	+ 200	+ 1,300
Auto Dlr. and Service Stations	12,300	12,500	12,300	- 200	0
Eating and Drinking Places	34,500	34,600	32,500	- 100	+ 2,000
Other Retail Trade	23,800	23,800	22,700	0	+ 1,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	24,700	24,500	23,700	+ 200	+ 1,000
Banking	8,600	8,600	8,300	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10,600	10,400	9,900	+ 200	+ 700
SERVICES	107,000	106,100	103,200	+ 900	+ 3,800
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,700	11,300	11,000	+ 400	+ 700
Personal Services	5,100	5,200	5,000	- 100	+ 100
Business Services	23,500	23,500	22,100	0	+ 1,400
Health Services	26,300	26,000	25,500	+ 300	+ 800
Social Services	6,900	7,000	6,800	- 100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	6,600	6,600	7,100	0	- 500
Other Services	26,900	26,500	25,700	+ 400	+ 1,200
GOVERNMENT	123,600	128,400	123,300	-4,800	- 200
Federal	31,100	30,700	30,400	+ 400	+ 700
State 2/	39,300	42,100	40,100	-2,300	- 300
Local	52,700	55,600	53,300	-2,900	- 600

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate in July was unchanged from the revised June estimate of 6.4 percent. According to preliminary figures, the total number of persons employed in July was 225,400, up 100 from the previous month. Correspondingly, the number of unemployed fell by 100 to 15,400. Compared to July 1983, 10,800 more people in Albuquerque were working, while 4,800 fewer were unemployed.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 500 jobs in July. The largest loss was in government (-800), mainly the result of the continued seasonal layoffs of education - related workers in local government. The retail subsector was responsible for the decline of 200

jobs in trade. Specifically, employment in food stores (+200) increased due to the opening of a large new store, while losses in auto dealers & service stations (-100), eating & drinking places (-200), and other retail trade (-100) more than offset the gain. Small gains were posted in construction (+200), manufacturing (+100), finance, insurance & real estate (+200), and services (+100) during the month.

Since last July nonagricultural employment in Albuquerque has grown by 7,900 jobs. Individual subsectors reporting the largest advances were electronic equipment manufacturing, business and health services, and eating & drinking places.

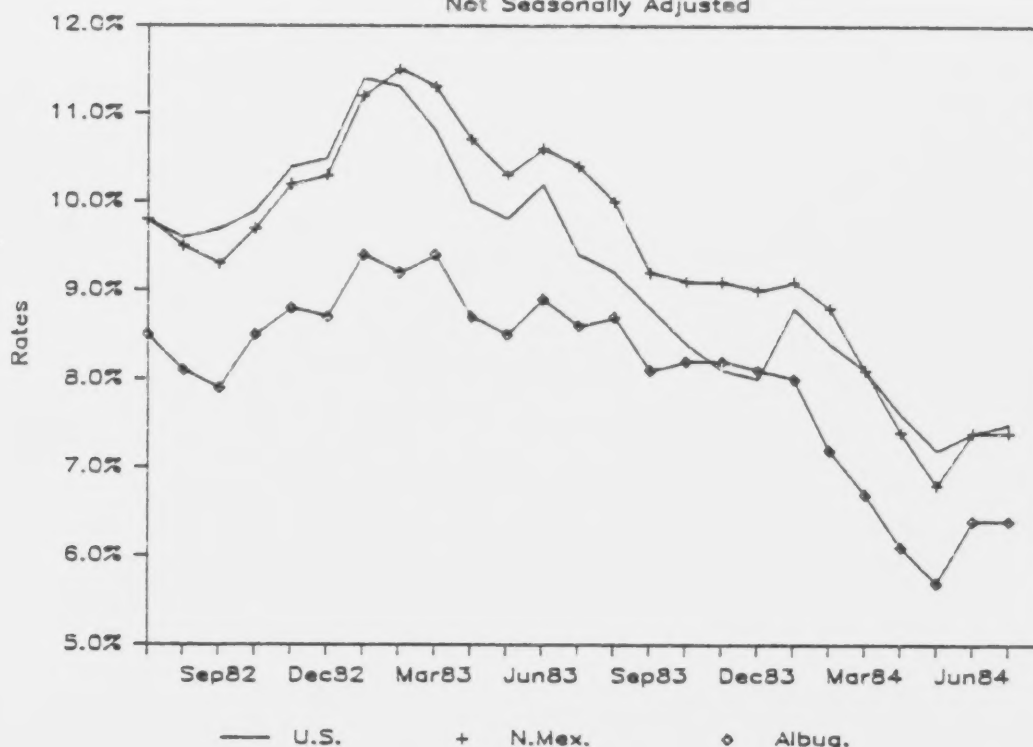
JULY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. July 1984	Revised June 1984	July 1983	Change From June 1984	July 1983
Civilian Labor Force	240,800	240,800	234,800	0	+6,000
Employment	225,400	225,300	214,600	+ 100	+10,800
Unemployment	15,400	15,500	20,200	- 100	-4,800
Rate	6.4%	6.4%	8.6%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
 ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
 (Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUL 1984	Revised JUN 1984	Revised JUL 1983	JUL Change From JUN JUL 1984 1983	
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	208,800	209,300	200,900	-500	+7,900
CONSTRUCTION	15,900	15,700	14,400	+200	+1,500
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,300	18,500	+100	+ 900
Durable Goods	13,900	13,700	13,000	+200	+ 900
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,600	5,500	-100	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,200	11,300	11,900	-100	- 700
Transportation	4,900	4,900	5,000	0	- 100
Communication	3,900	4,000	4,400	-100	- 500
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	52,500	52,700	50,100	-200	2,400
Wholesale Trade	13,200	13,200	13,100	0	+ 100
Durable Goods	8,500	8,500	8,400	0	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Retail Trade	39,300	39,500	37,000	-200	+2,300
General Merchandise Stores	4,200	4,200	3,900	0	+ 300
Food Stores	4,500	4,300	4,000	+200	+ 500
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	4,400	4,500	4,400	-100	0
Eating and Drinking Places	15,000	15,200	14,200	-200	+ 800
Other Retail Trade	11,200	11,300	10,500	-100	+ 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,700	12,500	12,000	+200	+ 700
Banking	3,300	3,300	3,100	0	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,900	5,700	5,500	+200	+ 400
SERVICES and MINING	53,900	53,800	50,700	+100	+3,200
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,300	3,300	3,000	0	+ 300
Health Services	12,900	12,900	12,100	0	+ 800
Social Services	2,800	2,900	2,700	-100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	33,000	32,800	31,100	+200	+1,900
GOVERNMENT	43,200	44,000	43,300	-800	- 100
Federal	13,400	13,300	12,700	+100	+ 700
State	10,300	10,400	9,900	-100	+ 400
Local	19,500	20,300	20,700	-800	-1,200

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUL 1984	Revised JUN 1984	Revised JUL 1983	JUL Change From JUL 1984	JUL 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	35,075	35,925	32,825	-850	+2,250
CONSTRUCTION	2,900	2,650	2,575	+250	+ 325
MANUFACTURING	3,275	3,300	3,200	- 25	+ 75
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,275	1,200	-125	- 50
Transportation	425	575	400	-150	+ 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	725	700	800	+ 25	- 75
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,375	7,225	6,225	+150	+1,150
Wholesale Trade	775	775	775	0	0
Retail Trade	6,600	6,450	5,450	+150	+1,150
General Merchandise Stores	800	775	700	+ 25	+ 100
Food Stores	1,225	1,175	750	+ 50	+ 475
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	775	750	750	+ 25	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,450	2,400	2,050	+ 50	+ 400
Other Retail Trade	1,350	1,350	1,200	0	+ 150
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,400	1,375	1,300	+ 25	+ 100
SERVICES & MINING	4,650	4,900	4,325	-250	+ 325
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	575	575	600	0	- 25
Business Services	725	700	700	+ 25	+ 25
Health Services	1,125	1,125	975	0	+ 150
Social Services	325	325	325	0	0
Other Services & Mining	1,900	2,175	1,725	-275	+ 175
GOVERNMENT	14,325	15,200	14,000	-875	+ 325
Federal	4,600	4,500	4,550	+100	+ 50
State	4,900	5,850	4,775	-950	+ 125
Local	4,825	4,850	4,675	- 25	+ 150

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL 1984	JUN 1984	JUL 1983	JUL 1984	JUN 1984	JUL 1983	JUL 1984	JUN 1984	JUL 1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$483.91	\$477.88	\$466.49	42.3	41.7	41.1	\$11.44	\$11.46	\$11.35
CONSTRUCTION	404.78	379.25	362.88	37.0	37.0	36.0	10.94	10.25	10.08
MANUFACTURING	323.59	324.34	296.81	39.9	40.9	38.2	8.11	7.93	7.77
Durable Goods	337.79	337.41	302.10	40.6	41.4	38.0	8.32	8.15	7.95
Nondurable Gds	293.37	294.97	284.13	38.5	39.7	38.5	7.62	7.43	7.38
COMM and UTIL	434.28	444.29	404.26	42.0	41.6	41.0	10.34	10.68	9.86
TRADE *	259.19	258.12	253.08	35.8	35.8	36.0	7.24	7.21	7.03
BANKING	210.00	198.75	201.89	39.4	37.5	38.9	5.33	5.30	5.19

ALBUQUERQUE

MANUFACTURING	\$284.80	\$315.34	\$289.56	35.6	40.9	38.0	\$ 8.00	\$ 7.71	\$ 7.62
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* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: Recently released figures from the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association show New Mexico's annual production of crude oil increased in 1983 for the first time in 14 years. The State produced 75.1 million barrels of oil in 1983, or 4.1 million more than the previous year. However, natural gas did not fare as well; the State's natural gas production was 885.6 billion cubic feet in 1983, down 10.5 percent from 1982.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: The Albuquerque Board of Education has approved the sale of a tract of land on Coors Rd. and Atrisco Dr. NW. for the location of the \$300 million Monolithic Memories Inc. plant. Monolithic hopes to have the large computer chip manufacturing plant in operation employing about 700 workers by late next year. Work has started on a 70-room addition and enclosed courtyard recreation area at the Holiday Inn Midtown. Completion of the project is expected in May 1985. Signetics Corporation plans to assemble a microcontroller design team of about 30 engineers at its Albuquerque plant which will fulfill the company's original plans for the Albuquerque plant to be involved in both manufacturing and research. The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center plans to begin construction in October on a \$900,000 expansion and remodeling of the center. The major construction work will be scheduled for the center's slow months of January and February. Ground was broken in August for the \$2 million, 38,000-square-foot Learning Tech Center. The center, located on Eubank NE north of Spain Road, will combine a private preschool, child-care facility, and elementary school, along with a small shopping center. The school will have a staff and faculty of about 40 and serve about 400 children. Two shopping centers on the city's west side opened in August. The 45,000-square-foot Las Tiendas de Corrales Center opened on Corrales Road NW, and the 215,000-square-foot, \$10 million Alameda West Shopping Center on Coors Rd. held its grand opening during the month. The Burlington Coat Factory Ware-

house, a New Jersey-based department store, will open a new store at the Montgomery Plaza Shopping Center. The 46,000-square-foot store is expected to open in October. Work started in August on the \$550,000 Rio Rancho Senior Citizens Center. The \$10 million atrium office building at Montgomery and San Mateo NE. being developed by Cavan Associates Ltd. should be ready for occupancy by mid-November according to company officials.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA: Brinderson Corporation of Irving, Ca. began work in late July on the \$26 million Waste Handling Building at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The 120,000-square-foot structure, the largest single project at WIPP, is scheduled for completion in June 1986. Wal-Mart Discount Department Stores has announced plans to build a 66,000-square-foot store in Carlsbad which will employ about 100 persons. Construction of the Wal-Mart store is expected to start in the spring of next year with the opening in fall, 1985. The Pecos Inn Best Western Inn in Artesia opened for business at the end of August. An Albuquerque firm, McElroy Inc., received a \$500,000 contract for construction of a storm drainage project in Artesia.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: An Italian firm, Valdalpone, has proposed locating a \$7.5 million tannery in Clovis which would employ between 150 and 200 workers. The firm wants to utilize the former Levi Strauss building and construct an adjacent 50,000-square-foot structure. According to Valdalpone officials, several details remain to be worked out before a final decision on the new plant is made.

ESPANOLA AREA: The Best Western Jicarilla Inn held its grand opening in July. The Inn, which cost about \$2.4 million, will employ about 30 people initially. The regents of the Northern New Mexico Community College have rebid the construc-

tion of the Fine Arts Complex because all original bids were over the amount budgeted for the project. The 18,000-square-foot complex, expected to cost about \$2 million, will have its original April, 1985 completion date altered. The Espanola School Board expects to spend \$2.1 million for construction of a new elementary school in Abiquiu and repair work on the 15 schools in the district.

FARMINGTON AREA: The Public Service Company of New Mexico and the Navajo Tribe have announced plans to construct a huge power plant project south of Farmington within the next few years. The plant, which is projected to cost between \$4 and \$5 billion, would produce up to 2,000 megawatts of electricity using coal from mines to be developed adjacent to the plant site. The \$3 million Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle Community Health Center was dedicated in August. The 18,000-square-foot center has an emergency room, pharmacy and dental clinic and is staffed by about 55 employees. A new Honda car dealership, Jerry Loman's Number 1 Honda, is expected to open by Christmas in the remodeled Cocina de Miguel restaurant property in east Farmington.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: The Santa Fe Coal Corporation estimates its Lee Ranch coal mine will create 105 jobs this year and generate a total payroll of about \$2 million. The mine provides coal for the Plains Electric Generating Station which is expected to be in full operation early next year. The coal company estimates the Lee Ranch mine will have more than 400 jobs by 1995 with an annual payroll of about \$9.3 million.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Southern Union Company has decided to close its crude oil refinery near Lovington at the end of August due to "adverse economic conditions severely impacting the oil industry." The refinery was employing approximately 120 workers, but 30 employees will be kept on to maintain the facilities in case market conditions improve. Wiznia and Associates of Corpus Christi, Texas plans to construct an 80-room Ramada Inn

in Hobbs. Work should get underway in early September on the Care Move Inc. 110-bed nursing home to be located near Lea Regional Hospital. The nursing home will employ about 50 local residents when it opens in March of next year. Oil well drilling activity in the area continues to be strong with 39 rigs currently in operation. Lea County leads the Permian Basin in oil well drilling activity.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Charter Medical Corporation of Macon, Ga. was given a county special-use permit to locate a psychiatric treatment center in Santa Teresa. Charter officials plan an 80-bed, 40,000-square-foot facility which will generate approximately 100 jobs for area residents. A \$3.7 million, 72-unit luxury apartment complex is scheduled to be constructed on a 2.6 acre site on South Main Street in Las Cruces.

LAS VEGAS AREA: The new \$1.6 million Learning Resources Center at the Luna Vocational-Technical Institute in Las Vegas opened in August. The institute, which is the only school of its kind in northwestern New Mexico, provides occupational training opportunities to students from the area. Montana de Fibra is operational and in the process of shaking out all the mechanical and electrical bugs in the new 280,000-square-foot fiberboard manufacturing plant. The company has hired and is now training about 140 employees for three work shifts. The plant is expected to be running 24 hours a day, seven days a week by January.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: A \$488,000 contract has been let for a 4,500-square-foot addition to Building SM-32 at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Snider-Chapman Construction Company of Santa Fe started work on the project in July, and completion is expected in about nine months.

RATON AREA: Work began in August on the reconstruction of the Clayton Municipal Airport runway. The project is expected to cost about \$531,000 and is

targeted for completion in November. Sixteen coal miners were laid off in August from Perma-Kaiser's York Canyon operations. A company spokesman said the layoffs were a result of the curtailment in underground development and revised sales projections. The mine currently employs about 350 people and has about 160 people on layoff status.

ROSWELL AREA: New Mexico Transportation Co.(NMT) was recently sold to Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma Coachlines, and as a result approximately 35 NMT employees in Roswell are scheduled to be laid off at the end of August. Levi Strauss has announced a 10-day shutdown of its Roswell manufacturing plant in early September involving 400-plus workers. The owners of K-Bob's Steak House in Roswell have announced plans to build a second \$600,000 eatery on the north side of the city.

SANTA FE AREA: The \$5 million Santa Fe Detention Center is under construction on Airport Road with completion expected in January. The City Finance Committee has given approval for the issuance of \$4.5 million in industrial revenue bonds to renovate the DeVargas Hotel. The renovation work is expected to begin late this fall with completion planned for mid-1985.

SOCORRO/BELÉN AREA: The Eastern Valencia Hospital in Belén has an annual operating budget of about \$3 million and employs about 85 people. The Rip Griffin Truck Service Center in Moriarty has added 14,000 square feet to its terminal and is now employing about 100 people.

TAOS AREA: Village Center Partners, an Albuquerque development group, broke ground in August on the \$5.3 million, 42-unit Mountain Spirit Condominiums in Angel Fire.

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NEW PUBLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

An Albuquerque High Tech Wage Survey was recently published by the New Mexico Employment Security Department. The survey lists average wages paid for 52 occupations in 18 Albuquerque area manufacturing and research firms. Copies of the report are available from:

New Mexico Employment Security Dept.
Econ. Research & Analysis (6097)
P.O. Box 1928
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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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PRELIMINARY JULY 1984 1/

	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	623,679	577,377	46,302	7.4%	624,771	578,617	46,154	7.4%	620,347	555,940	64,407	10.4%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	240,807	225,396	15,411	6.4%	240,874	225,341	15,533	6.4%	234,787	214,557	20,230	8.6%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	41,847	38,338	3,509	8.4%	44,492	41,303	3,189	7.2%	40,379	36,425	3,954	9.8%
Catron	1,098	1,002	96	8.7%	935	837	98	10.5%	1,025	919	106	10.3%
Chaves	25,382	23,756	1,626	6.4%	24,958	23,524	1,434	5.7%	24,665	22,497	2,168	8.8%
Cibola	11,957	10,019	1,938	16.2%	11,812	10,147	1,665	14.1%	12,552	9,496	3,056	24.3%
Colfax	7,428	6,912	516	6.9%	7,516	6,954	562	7.5%	7,906	6,836	1,070	13.5%
Curry	15,700	14,634	1,066	6.8%	15,554	14,503	1,051	6.8%	15,508	14,201	1,307	8.4%
De Baca	1,049	994	55	5.2%	1,102	1,034	68	6.2%	1,131	1,046	85	7.5%
Eddy	23,598	21,590	2,008	8.5%	23,952	21,844	2,108	8.8%	25,445	20,779	4,666	18.3%
Grant	9,475	8,466	1,009	10.6%	9,606	8,653	953	9.9%	10,184	8,235	1,949	19.1%
Guadalupe	1,461	1,384	77	5.3%	1,491	1,388	103	6.9%	1,571	1,442	129	8.2%
Harding	612	585	27	4.4%	591	566	25	4.2%	625	602	23	3.7%
Hidalgo	2,416	2,295	121	5.0%	2,466	2,325	141	5.7%	2,584	2,342	242	9.4%
Lea	32,263	31,002	1,261	3.9%	32,127	30,779	1,348	4.2%	33,473	30,882	2,591	7.7%
Lincoln	9,465	9,163	302	3.2%	9,238	8,936	302	3.3%	9,068	8,746	322	3.6%
Los Alamos	11,629	11,440	189	1.6%	11,463	11,151	312	2.7%	11,055	10,822	233	2.1%
Luna	5,094	4,527	567	11.1%	5,302	4,684	618	11.7%	5,282	4,593	689	13.0%
McKinley	17,396	15,492	1,904	10.9%	17,318	15,591	1,727	10.0%	18,576	15,269	3,307	17.8%
Mora	1,113	830	283	25.4%	1,098	796	302	27.5%	1,112	782	330	29.7%
Otero	15,569	14,558	1,011	6.5%	15,321	14,277	1,044	6.8%	15,328	14,122	1,206	7.9%
Quay	5,377	4,985	392	7.3%	5,401	4,970	431	8.0%	5,685	5,141	544	9.6%
Rio Arriba	11,653	9,940	1,713	14.7%	10,877	9,055	1,822	16.8%	11,291	9,282	2,009	17.8%
Roosevelt	7,332	7,000	332	4.5%	7,121	6,821	300	4.2%	7,657	7,212	445	5.8%
San Juan	37,068	32,763	4,305	11.7%	37,172	32,839	4,333	11.7%	38,123	32,318	5,805	15.2%
San Miguel	9,058	7,967	1,091	12.0%	8,977	7,870	1,107	12.3%	8,199	7,068	1,131	13.8%
Santa Fe	43,631	41,534	2,097	4.8%	43,478	41,384	2,094	4.8%	43,303	40,515	2,788	6.4%
Sierra	2,557	2,458	99	3.9%	2,500	2,407	93	3.7%	2,594	2,442	152	5.9%
Socorro	4,854	4,455	399	8.2%	5,049	4,654	395	7.8%	4,729	4,278	451	9.5%
Taos	10,747	9,072	1,675	15.6%	10,755	9,061	1,694	15.8%	10,874	8,992	1,882	17.3%
Torrance	2,402	2,228	174	7.2%	2,168	2,168	179	7.6%	2,330	2,201	129	5.5%
Union	2,569	2,470	119	4.6%	2,631	2,505	126	4.8%	2,447	2,305	142	5.8%
Valencia	11,032	10,122	910	8.2%	11,247	10,250	997	8.9%	10,859	9,593	1,266	11.7%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties

3/ Dona Ana County

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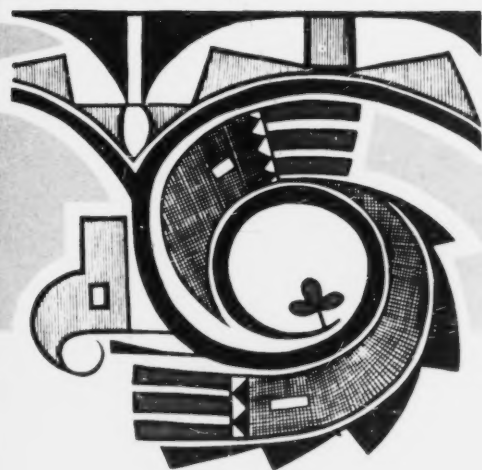
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HIGHLIGHTS

Recent labor force estimates indicate that the robust economic recovery experienced in New Mexico and generally nationwide since early 1983 has slowed considerably. The August estimates indicated only minor improvement in New Mexico's unemployment situation. The number of unemployed declined by 900 over the month and the state's jobless rate inched downward from 7.4 to 7.3 percent. New Mexico's unemployment rate has remained in this 7.0 to 7.5 percent range since dropping to a recession-recovery low of 6.8 percent this May. U.S. unemployment also saw little change in August. Although the Nation's actual unemployment rate decreased from 7.5 to 7.3 percent, the seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged at 7.5 percent.

Nonagricultural payroll employment in New Mexico increased by 2,400 jobs during August; however, much of the increase was normal seasonal movement. Gains were reported in construction, food manufacturing (chile processing), transportation (school bus drivers), and state and local government (non-contract public school employees). Trade posted a sizable increase in August as a major new Albuquerque

department store, Sanger Harris, opened and the labor intensive eating & drinking places sub-sector continued to expand. Small layoffs were reported during the month at three manufacturing firms, two in transportation equipment and one in lumber. A layoff also occurred at an Albuquerque federal government agency - normally this agency hires and reduces employment periodically during the year because of fluctuating workload.

Employment in New Mexico's nonagricultural industries has grown by 16,400 jobs during the last year. The trade and services sectors have accounted for approximately 65 percent of this growth, largely at general merchandise stores, food stores, restaurants, business services, health services, and lodging places. Construction was responsible for an additional 16 percent of the total growth, while the remainder was shared by mining, manufacturing, and finance & real estate. The 1,100 job growth in mining was entirely in coal and oil & gas extraction, and the bulk of manufacturing's increase of 900 was in the high tech area of electronic equipment.

AUGUST SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Aug. 1984	Revised July 1984	Aug. 1983	Change From July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	623,900	623,400	616,800	+ 500	+7,100
Employment	578,500	577,100	555,000	+1,400	+23,500
Unemployment	45,400	46,300	61,800	- 900	-16,400
Rate	7.3%	7.4%	10.0%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1984	Revised JUL 1984	Revised AUG 1983	AUG JUL 1984	Change From AUG 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	498,300	495,900	481,900	+2,400	+16,400
MINING	21,400	21,500	20,300	- 100	+ 1,100
Metal Mining	3,700	3,700	4,100	0	- 400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,300	4,400	3,500	- 100	+ 800
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,400	13,400	12,700	0	+ 700
CONSTRUCTION	38,700	38,300	36,100	+ 400	+ 2,600
MANUFACTURING	35,700	35,400	34,800	+ 300	+ 900
Durable Goods	22,700	23,100	21,800	- 400	+ 900
Lumber and Wood Products	2,600	2,700	2,400	- 100	+ 200
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	5,900	5,800	4,900	+ 100	+ 1,000
Transportation Equipment	3,300	3,500	3,500	- 200	- 200
Other Durable Goods	10,900	11,100	11,000	- 200	- 100
Nondurable Goods	13,000	12,300	13,000	+ 700	0
Food and Kindred Products	4,500	4,000	4,400	+ 500	+ 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,300	2,600	+ 100	- 200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,100	6,000	6,000	+ 100	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,400	28,300	28,300	+ 100	+ 100
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	+ 100
Trucking and Warehousing	5,200	5,300	5,400	- 100	- 200
Other Transportation	3,900	3,500	3,300	+ 400	+ 600
Communication	7,300	7,400	7,600	- 100	- 300
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,700	9,700	- 100	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	119,500	117,900	113,200	+1,600	+ 6,300
Wholesale Trade	21,600	21,700	21,600	- 100	0
Durable Goods	12,400	12,500	12,600	- 100	- 200
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,000	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	97,900	96,200	91,600	+1,700	+ 6,300
General Merchandise Stores	11,800	11,300	10,400	+ 500	+ 1,400
Food Stores	14,300	14,300	13,100	0	+ 1,200
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	12,400	12,300	12,300	+ 100	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	35,400	34,500	33,100	+ 900	+ 2,300
Other Retail Trade	24,000	23,800	22,700	+ 200	+ 1,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	24,700	24,800	23,800	- 100	+ 900
Banking	8,600	8,600	8,300	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,500	5,600	5,500	- 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10,600	10,600	10,000	0	+ 600
SERVICES	107,500	107,800	103,100	- 300	+ 4,400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,700	11,800	11,100	- 100	+ 600
Personal Services	5,200	5,100	4,900	+ 100	+ 300
Business Services	23,400	23,500	22,100	- 100	+ 1,300
Health Services	26,200	26,200	25,500	0	+ 700
Social Services	6,900	6,900	6,600	0	+ 300
Membership Organizations	7,400	7,500	7,100	- 100	+ 300
Other Services	26,700	26,800	25,800	- 100	+ 900
GOVERNMENT	122,400	121,900	122,300	+ 500	+ 100
Federal	30,300	30,900	29,500	- 600	+ 800
State 2/	40,100	39,600	40,900	+ 500	- 800
Local	52,000	51,400	51,900	+ 600	+ 100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate for August was 6.4 percent according to preliminary estimates. The number of people employed was 226,200, an increase of 800 over the month, while the number of unemployed was unchanged at 15,400.

After approximately fourteen months of a generally downward trend, the area unemployment has leveled off. The rate has now remained at 6.4 percent for three consecutive months. However, in comparison with one year ago, Albuquerque's economic position has greatly improved. Total employment in the Bernalillo/Sandoval County area is up by 14,000, while the number of unemployed has dropped by 4,900.

Total nonagricultural employment increased by 1,000 jobs over the month, largely the result of seasonal changes. As expected this time of year, state educational

institutions began rehiring for the fall semester, resulting in an increase in state government of 400 jobs. Offsetting this increase was a seasonal decline of 400 in federal government. Transportation added 200 jobs as school bus contractors began hiring for the fall. Nondurable goods manufacturing increased by 200 jobs, mostly due to normal gains in food processing. The 800 employment gain in the retail trade subsector was the result of the following changes: general merchandise stores, up 300 due largely to the opening of the Sanger Harris department store; eating and drinking places, due in part to the opening of several new restaurants; and other retail trade, mainly from the expansion of Winrock & Montgomery Plaza shopping centers and the opening of the new Alameda West shopping center.

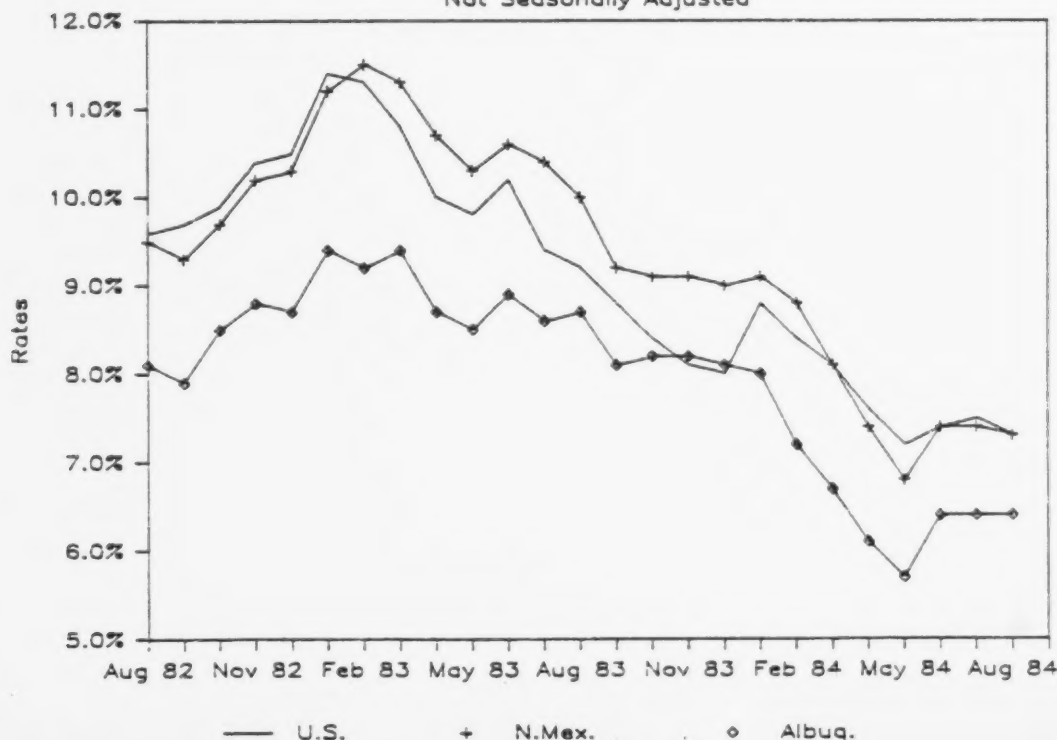
AUGUST SUMMARY 1/

	Prel. Aug. 1984	Revised July 1984	Aug. 1983	Change From July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	241,600	240,800	232,500	+ 800	+9,100
Employment	226,200	225,400	212,200	+ 800	+14,000
Unemployment	15,400	15,400	20,300	0	-4,900
Rate	6.4%	6.4%	8.7%		

1/ Estimates of persons by place of residence.

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1984	Revised JUL 1984	Revised AUG 1983	AUG Change From	
				JUL 1984	AUG 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	210,000	209,000	200,000	+1,000	+10,000
CONSTRUCTION	16,100	16,000	14,600	+ 100	+ 1,500
MANUFACTURING	19,700	19,500	18,500	+ 200	+ 1,200
Durable Goods	13,900	13,900	13,000	0	+ 900
Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,600	5,500	+ 200	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,400	11,200	11,300	+ 200	+ 100
Transportation	5,100	4,900	5,000	+ 200	+ 100
Communication	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	53,400	52,600	50,600	+ 800	+ 2,800
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,200	13,100	- 100	0
Durable Goods	8,400	8,500	8,400	- 100	0
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
Retail Trade	40,300	39,400	37,500	+ 900	+ 2,800
General Merchandise Stores	4,500	4,200	3,800	+ 300	+ 700
Food Stores	4,500	4,500	4,100	0	+ 400
Auto Dirs and Service Stations	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Eating and Drinking Places	15,400	15,000	14,600	+ 400	+ 800
Other Retail Trade	11,500	11,300	10,600	+ 200	+ 900
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	12,500	12,600	12,000	- 100	+ 500
Banking	3,300	3,300	3,100	0	+ 200
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,500	3,400	- 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5,800	5,800	5,500	0	+ 300
SERVICES and MINING	53,600	53,800	50,700	- 200	+ 2,900
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,400	3,300	3,100	+ 100	+ 300
Health Services	12,800	12,900	12,100	- 100	+ 700
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,500	0	+ 300
Membership Organizations	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	+ 100
Other Services and Mining	32,700	32,900	31,200	- 200	+ 1,500
GOVERNMENT	43,300	43,300	42,300	0	+ 1,000
Federal	13,000	13,400	12,500	- 400	+ 500
State	11,000	10,600	11,100	+ 400	- 100
Local	19,300	19,300	18,700	0	+ 600

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)
ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1984	Revised JUL 1984	Revised AUG 1983	AUG Change JUL 1984	From AUG 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	32,250	31,600	30,325	+650	+1,925
CONSTRUCTION	2,975	2,950	1,850	+ 25	+1,125
MANUFACTURING	3,400	3,175	3,050	+225	+ 350
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,250	1,125	1,175	+125	+ 75
Transportation	525	425	450	+100	+ 75
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	725	700	725	+ 25	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,450	7,350	6,050	+100	+1,400
Wholesale Trade	775	775	900	0	- 125
Retail Trade	6,675	6,575	5,150	+100	+1,525
General Merchandise Stores	800	800	775	0	+ 25
Food Stores	1,225	1,200	675	+ 25	+ 550
Auto Dirs & Serv Stations	800	800	775	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	2,500	2,425	1,875	+ 75	+ 625
Other Retail Trade	1,350	1,350	1,050	0	+ 300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,400	1,375	1,225	+ 25	+ 175
SERVICES & MINING	4,800	4,775	4,175	+ 25	+ 625
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	650	0	- 50
Business Services	725	725	300	0	- 75
Health Services	1,225	1,200	825	+ 25	+ 400
Social Services	350	350	350	0	0
Other Services & Mining	1,900	1,900	1,550	0	+ 350
GOVERNMENT	10,975	10,850	12,800	+125	-1,325
Federal	4,525	4,525	4,375	-100	+ 150
State	3,125	3,125	4,250	0	-1,125
Local	3,325	3,100	4,175	+225	- 850

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 1984	JUL 1984	AUG 1983	AUG 1984	JUL 1984	AUG 1983	AUG 1984	JUL 1984	AUG 1983
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	\$479.76	\$474.73	\$475.58	41.9	41.9	42.5	\$11.45	\$11.33	\$11.19
CONSTRUCTION	380.13	395.67	386.65	36.1	36.4	37.0	10.53	10.87	10.45
MANUFACTURING	329.65	333.26	300.96	40.3	40.2	39.6	8.18	8.29	7.60
Durable Goods	339.47	346.72	311.18	40.9	40.6	40.1	8.30	8.54	7.76
Nondurable Gds	303.88	301.06	276.91	39.0	39.2	38.3	7.92	7.68	7.23
COMM and UTIL	444.37	435.54	364.43	42.2	42.0	36.7	10.53	10.37	9.93
TRADE *	262.02	263.52	251.69	35.6	36.0	35.6	7.36	7.32	7.07
BANKING	196.71	209.86	197.17	36.7	39.3	37.7	5.36	5.34	5.23
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	\$327.53	\$316.81	\$289.06	39.7	39.9	38.8	\$8.25	\$7.94	\$7.45

* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: Mountain Bell announced plans to construct a \$14.3 million fiber optics communications network, extending 340 miles from Los Alamos to Las Cruces. Preliminary construction of the network is already underway, and completion is expected by late 1986.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: The University of New Mexico Engineering Research Institute has signed a \$41.4 million contract with the U.S. Air Force to continue civil engineering research at Kirtland Air Force Base. The contract will support about 200 employees for a three-to-five year period. The Lovelace Medical Foundation and Hospital Corporation has submitted plans to state officials for a new Lovelace Medical Center. The center, expected to open by the spring of 1987, will include a new four-story hospital along with renovated clinic and administrative offices at Lovelace's current Gibson S.E. location. The project is expected to cost about \$42.5 million. The I-40 and I-25 intersection will receive a \$25 million facelift over the next five years. The project includes adding a second southbound lane on I-25, relocating the off-ramp at the I-25 Menaul-Candelaria exit, and combining and extending the Lomas-Grand off-ramps on I-25. Sperry Flight Systems in Albuquerque was awarded a \$4.5 million government contract to produce spare parts for the F-15 jet. A new Bealls clothing store is scheduled to open in the Alameda West Shopping Center in early October. The 23,000-square-foot store will be one of 126 Bealls stores in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Martinez Custom Trailers Incorporated was awarded a \$2.6 million contract with the U.S. Army Tank and Automotive Command to build 199 trailers. The contract should result in the addition of about 25 employees to the firm's current work force of 50. The Heights General Hospital laid off 55 workers in September due to a decline in hospital occupancy. Hospital occupancy throughout the nation has declined in the last year because

of pressures to contain healthcare cost and a new Medicare reimbursement system. VAWTPOWER Inc., a New Mexico-based manufacturer of electricity-generating vertical-axis wind turbines (VAWT), dedicated a 21,000-square-foot headquarters and production facility in September. VAWTPOWER, located in Rio Rancho, employs about 40 people and expects to increase that number to more than 50 by year's end. Construction has started on the \$300 million expansion of the Intel Corporation plant. The 450,000-square-foot semi-conductor manufacturing addition is due to be completed by spring 1986. The expansion is expected to provide up to 1,200 additional jobs. AmeriWest Corporation is planning a \$4.5 million renovation of the old Mountain Bell building at Sixth and Silver SW. The renovation will include underground parking, first floor retail stores and restaurants, and three floors of office space. American Telephone and Telegraph Company has selected Albuquerque over 25 other cities for a telemarketing operation. The new operation started in July with 30 employees, and AT&T officials expect it to employ 300 people within two years.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Wal-Mart Stores Incorporated officials announced plans to open a 50,000-square-foot discount department store in Ruidoso which will employ approximately 100 persons. Wal-Mart currently has stores in Hobbs and Roswell; and, in addition to the Ruidoso facility, new stores are planned for Las Cruces, Carlsbad, and Taos. An El Paso firm, McCormick Construction Inc., was awarded a \$2.3 million contract for sewer line improvements in the Ponderosa Heights area of Ruidoso. White Sands Missile Range gave a \$2.5 million contract for instrument calibration and repair to Cortez III Service Corp. of Alamogordo. Construction started on a \$3.9 million Quality Care nursing home in Alamogordo. Ruidoso Downs race track

closed for its 1984 racing season on September 3.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: The Bureau of Reclamation is scheduled to open bids for construction of Brantley Dam on October 18, 1984. The long planned project, located on the Pecos River between Artesia and Carlsbad, is expected to cost in excess of \$50 million and take approximately 4 1/2 years to complete. Project work will include construction of an earth-filled dam approximately 20,000 feet long and 110 feet high, a concrete dam structure 730 feet long and 112 feet high, and various other structural and road work. A Carlsbad construction firm, Richardson and Richardson Inc., was the low bidder of \$620,000 for improvements at the Living Desert State Park. The new Furr's, Inc. grocery store in Artesia is scheduled to open in mid-October.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Inn Keepers of New Mexico, which operates Econo Lodges in Hobbs and Carlsbad, is planning to construct an 80-unit facility in Clovis. A new Albertson's food store is scheduled to open in Clovis in October. Work started on the new \$1.3 million Curry County Juvenile Detention Center in Clovis.

DEMING/LORDSBURG AREA: Border Foods Inc. began its seasonal chili processing operation at the Deming Airport Industrial Park. Border Foods employs about 350 workers from late August until mid-October canning and processing nine million pounds of chili, most of it grown in the Deming/Las Cruces area. The City of Lordsburg received a \$500,000 State Community Development Block grant to establish a manufactured housing plant to be operated by Marino Services Co., Inc. The housing plant is projected to employ 50 persons within six to nine months.

FARMINGTON AREA: The San Juan County Commission approved a bid of about \$4.5 million to construct a covered grandstand

at San Juan Downs. The Midcon Company will build the 69,761-square-foot facility, with completion scheduled by the opening of the track's 1985 season.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: Vale Industries, a California plastics manufacturing firm, is planning to open a manufacturing plant in Grants-Milan. The company expects to employ about 20 people initially manufacturing flashlights. Homestake Mining Company laid off about 70 mill and general office employees in September. Homestake, which employed a high of about 825 employees in 1979, now employs about 250 people in its uranium mining operations.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: According to recently released figures from the State Taxation and Revenue Department, Lea County accounted for approximately 75 percent of the oil production in New Mexico during 1983. The county produced 54.8 million barrels of oil during 1983, an increase of 4.5 million barrels over the previous year. Lasco Construction of Hobbs was the low bidder of \$1.5 million for construction of a new state office building in Hobbs.

LAS CRUCES AREA: A \$2.4 million office building, which will be the new home of Dona Ana Savings and Loan Association, is under construction on Church St. in Las Cruces. A \$700,000 expansion project at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Las Cruces is underway which will include 32 additional rooms and major renovation of the existing facilities. Popular Dry Goods Co. Inc., located in the Downtown Mall, will undergo approximately \$1 million in renovations and expansion beginning in December. Wallin Construction Co. of Albuquerque began work on the \$3.8 million project to convert the former Carrie Tingley Hospital in Truth or Consequences into a Veterans Administration Domiciliary Home. The 186-bed facility is expected to open in August 1985 with about 60 employees.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Mora County received a Community Development Block Grant for about \$262,000 which will be used to aid two local businesses: Garcia's Wood Saver, a wood heating manufacturing and marketing company; and Barela Timer Management, a forest products production company. The two businesses are expected to create about 20 permanent jobs. An Arby's restaurant is scheduled to open in Las Vegas in October with about 50 employees.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Western States Mechanical Contractors of Santa Fe was awarded a contract of about \$1 million to construct an experimental tunnel and service building at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

RATON AREA: The La Mesa race track will close for the season on September 30, resulting in the layoff of approximately 250 workers. Gateway Metal Products laid off about 20 workers for a one week period in early September.

ROSWELL AREA: A group of local businessmen have leased 210 acres at the former federal desalinization research site east of Roswell for the location of an inland shrimp farm, which is expected to produce 200,000 pounds of shrimp per year. The new facility is expected to employ approximately 10 full-time staff and 60 to 80 seasonal workers during harvests.

SANTA FE AREA: Work is progressing on the Hotel Eldorado, a \$20 million, 225-room luxury hotel at San Francisco and Sandoval Streets. The facility will have a 180-room restaurant and a 200-car underground parking garage. The hotel will employ a staff of approximately 200 when it opens in October 1985. Thomas-Nydes Properties Inc. is adding 14,000 additional square feet to its St. Michael's Village Shopping Center. Work started on the first phase of Los Barrancas, an 83-unit single family residence project at Gonzales Road and East Palace Ave. The first phase

is expected to cost about \$2.5 million. Several large construction projects in Santa Fe are scheduled for completion this fall. The \$10 million Santa Fe Auto Park will open in November. The auto park covers 36.5 fenced and landscaped acres occupied by five different automobile retail facilities. Work on the 260-unit Shadowridge Apartments on Viento Dr. is expected to be finished by the end of November. The 120-room Western Six Motel on Cerrillos Rd. will open in November. The 126-bed, \$2.5 million Hielhaven Nursing Home is scheduled for completion by late November. The nursing home will have a staff of approximately 100 persons.

TAOS AREA: The Carson National Forest anticipates that their seasonal layoffs will start the latter part of September. The Taos Ski Valley plans to hire two to three persons a week from now until ski season starts in late November. The ski area now employs about 100 people. The Questa Molybdenum mine expansion is on schedule, and about 10,000 tons of molybdenum ore is leaving the mine daily. Molybdenum currently employs about 850 people, and within two years the mine is projected to employ about 900 producing about 18,000 tons of ore per day. A 51,000-square-foot Wal-Mart store is scheduled to open in Taos in the fall of 1985. Construction of the new store should start next spring.

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

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	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	623,917	578,533	45,384	7.3%	623,395	577,072	46,323	7.4%	616,773	554,968	61,805	10.0%
ALBUQUERQUE AREA 2/	241,592	226,179	15,413	6.4%	240,760	225,366	15,394	6.4%	232,469	212,175	20,294	8.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	42,270	38,742	3,528	8.3%	41,875	38,360	3,507	8.4%	41,376	37,540	3,836	9.3%
Catron	1,047	956	91	8.7%	1,098	1,002	96	8.7%	1,039	953	86	8.3%
Chaves	24,988	23,380	1,608	6.4%	25,360	23,745	1,615	6.4%	24,558	22,462	2,096	8.5%
Cibola	11,627	10,009	1,618	13.9%	11,857	9,925	1,932	16.3%	11,827	9,529	2,298	19.4%
Colfax	7,462	6,953	509	6.8%	7,424	6,909	515	6.9%	7,819	6,823	996	12.7%
Curry	15,505	14,537	968	6.2%	15,695	14,628	1,067	6.8%	15,619	14,367	1,252	8.2%
De Baca	1,045	996	49	4.7%	1,049	994	55	5.2%	1,086	1,018	68	6.3%
Eddy	23,492	21,572	1,920	8.2%	23,602	21,581	2,021	8.6%	25,284	20,860	4,424	17.5%
Grant	9,419	8,390	1,029	10.9%	9,301	8,300	1,001	10.8%	10,015	8,273	1,742	17.4%
Guadalupe	1,436	1,367	69	4.8%	1,459	1,383	76	5.2%	1,573	1,443	130	8.3%
Harding	619	594	25	4.0%	610	584	26	4.3%	638	612	26	4.1%
Kidalgo	2,404	2,300	104	4.3%	2,413	2,294	119	4.9%	2,555	2,328	227	8.9%
Lea	32,228	30,978	1,250	3.9%	32,247	30,989	1,258	3.9%	32,990	30,599	2,391	7.2%
Lincoln	9,488	9,163	325	3.4%	9,462	9,159	303	3.2%	9,166	8,854	312	3.4%
Los Alamos	11,855	11,609	246	2.1%	11,625	11,435	190	1.6%	10,893	10,615	278	2.6%
Luna	5,329	4,832	497	9.3%	5,088	4,525	563	11.1%	5,456	4,823	633	11.6%
McKinley	17,036	15,246	1,790	10.5%	17,194	15,276	1,918	11.2%	18,291	15,391	2,900	15.9%
Mora	1,068	797	271	25.4%	1,115	830	285	25.5%	1,107	782	325	29.4%
Otero	15,749	14,685	1,064	6.8%	15,663	14,650	1,013	6.5%	15,298	14,101	1,197	7.8%
Quay	5,331	4,945	386	7.2%	5,380	4,983	397	7.4%	5,662	5,156	506	8.9%
Rio Arriba	10,857	9,257	1,600	14.7%	11,229	9,528	1,701	15.1%	11,192	9,298	1,894	16.9%
Roosevelt	7,248	6,931	317	4.4%	7,325	6,997	328	4.5%	7,545	7,128	417	5.5%
San Juan	38,327	34,028	4,299	11.2%	38,210	33,803	4,407	11.5%	37,863	32,082	5,781	15.3%
San Miguel	8,763	7,685	1,078	12.3%	8,688	7,602	1,086	12.5%	8,531	7,433	1,098	12.9%
Santa Fe	43,556	41,478	2,078	4.8%	43,605	41,515	2,090	4.8%	42,841	40,183	2,658	6.2%
Sierra	2,547	2,434	113	4.4%	2,555	2,457	98	3.8%	2,597	2,437	160	6.2%
Socorro	4,892	4,525	367	7.5%	4,852	4,453	399	8.2%	4,793	4,411	382	8.0%
Taos	10,769	9,186	1,583	14.7%	10,738	9,068	1,670	15.6%	10,937	9,148	1,789	16.4%
Torrance	2,398	2,221	177	7.4%	2,404	2,227	177	7.4%	2,330	2,217	113	4.8%
Union	2,542	2,446	96	3.8%	2,586	2,469	117	4.5%	2,440	2,301	139	5.7%
Valencia	11,028	10,112	916	8.3%	10,926	10,027	899	8.2%	10,953	9,626	1,327	12.1%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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